




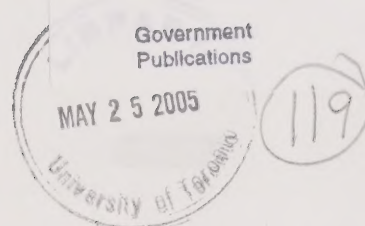
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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, October 19, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs

Future business

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Bill Blaikie
Bonnie Brown
Colin Carrie
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain
Nicole Demers
Ruby Dhalla
Steven John Fletcher
James Lunney
Réal Ménard
Rob Merrifield
Michael John Savage
Hon. Robert Thibault

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Miriam Burke, Committee Clerk.



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, October 19, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Bill Blaikie, Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Brenda Chamberlain, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Robert Thibault.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Miriam Burke, Committee Clerk.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Michael John Savage, it was agreed, — That Bonnie Brown be elected Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Steven John Fletcher, it was agreed, — That Rob Merrifield be elected as Official Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Nicole Demers, it was agreed, — That Réal Ménard be elected as opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Colin Carrie, it was agreed, — That the Committee retain the services of analysts from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Brenda Chamberlain, it was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive and publish evidence when a quorum is not present provided that at least three(3) members are present including a member of the opposition; and that the Chair be authorized to call a meeting to order no sooner than fifteen(15) minutes after the time indicated on the notice of meeting as long as three(3) members are present.

On motion of Ruby Dhalla, it was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses not exceeding two(2) representatives per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Réal Ménard, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee documents only when they exist in both official languages; and that no documents provided by witnesses be distributed unless authorized by the Clerk.

On motion of Brenda Chamberlain, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee, in consultation with the Chair, be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide for working meals for the Committee.

On motion of James Lunney, it was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of all *in camera* meetings be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

On motion of Ruby Dhalla, it was agreed, — That, except for amendments to bills, forty-eight(48) hours' notice be given before any substantive motion is considered by the Committee ; and that the motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and circulated to members in both official languages; and that notice given on a Friday be deemed to have been given on the following Monday. Upon receipt of the notice, the Clerk shall put the motion on the agenda of the Committee's next meeting.

On motion of Bill Blaikie, it was agreed, — That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to have one staff person present at *in camera* meetings, only when the member himself or herself, is absent for a documented reason.

On motion of Réal Ménard, it was agreed, — That the Committee be authorized to purchase documents for the use of the Committee.

On motion of Rob Merrifield, it was agreed, — That all questioning of witnesses be limited to five(5) minutes per member and that the Chair direct the first two(2) questions to members of the Official Opposition, followed by five(5) minutes for the Bloc québécois, five(5) minutes for the Liberal Party, five(5) minutes for the New Democratic Party; and that subsequent questions be alternately shared between government and opposition members, at the discretion of the Chair. That during the appearance of a Minister, the Chair direct the first fifteen(15) minutes to members of the Official Opposition, ten(10) minutes to the Bloc québécois, ten(10) minutes to the New Democratic Party and ten(10) minutes to the Liberal Party during the first round of questioning; and that thereafter five(5) minutes per party be allocated alternating between the opposition and government members, at the discretion of the Chair.

The Chair advised Members that the notices of motions received from Mr. Ménard, Mr. Merrifield and Mr. Thibault would be added to the agenda for the next meeting of the committee.

On motion of Bill Blaikie, it was agreed, — That the Committee do now adjourn.

At 4:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2004/10/22 11:05 a.m.

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38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, October 21, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown
Colin Carrie
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain
Nicole Demers
Ruby Dhalla
Steven John Fletcher
James Lunney
Réal Ménard
Rob Merrifield
Michael John Savage
Hon. Robert Thibault

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Judy Wasylycia-Leis for Hon. Bill Blaikie

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, October 21, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Judy Wasylycia-Leis for Hon. Bill Blaikie.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Réal Ménard moved, — That the Standing Committee on Health ask the Minister of Health to appear before it as soon as possible, to bring the Members of the Committee up to date on the health-care agreement of September 15, 2004.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Rob Merrifield moved, — That the Committee call on the Health Minister to appear prior to Friday, November 19, 2004, to answer questions on the Main and Supplementary Estimates, for a minimum of two hours.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Rob Merrifield moved, — That the Committee call on the Minister of State (Public Health) to appear at the committee's regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 26, 2004, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.; and that the Chief Public Health Officer also be invited to appear from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., at the same meeting.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

On motion of Rob Merrifield, it was agreed, — That the following two motions be added to the routine motions of the Standing Committee on Health:

) That whenever the Main Estimates or the Supplementary Estimates are tabled in the House, the Committee invite the Minister and any relevant senior officials of the Department to appear at a televised meeting, if possible, of the Committee.

) That whenever a Chapter of a Report of the Auditor General refers to a subject under the mandate of the Committee, the Committee invite the Office of the Auditor General of Canada and any relevant senior officials of the Department to appear at a televised meeting, if possible, of the Committee.

On motion of Robert Thibault, it was agreed, — That Christopher Knowles be invited to appear before the Standing Committee on Health at his convenience.

Réal Ménard moved, — That the Committee devote three working sessions to studying the circumstances around the hiring of three Health Canada researchers, Doctors Shiv Chopra, Margaret Haydon and Gérard Lambert, and that a report be tabled in the House, if necessary.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Rob Merrifield moved, — That this Committee, in recognition of the recommendation of the Krever Inquiry and the large surplus in the federal Hepatitis C compensation fund, urge the government to extend compensation to all those who contracted Hepatitis C from tainted blood.

Debate arose thereon.

Réal Ménard moved, — That the motion be amended by adding at the end of line 3 “; further that the managers of the fund, the Hemophilia Society and other relevant witnesses be invited to meet with the Committee on this subject; and that a report be tabled in the House, if necessary“.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Réal Ménard and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

At 12:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2004-10-26 10:45 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, October 26, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on the Public Health Agency of Canada

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Bill Blaikie
Bonnie Brown
Colin Carrie
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain
Nicole Demers
Ruby Dhalla
Steven John Fletcher
James Lunney
Réal Ménard
Rob Merrifield
Michael John Savage
Hon. Robert Thibault

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:

Carol Skelton

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Minister of State (Public Health)

WITNESS:

Public Health Agency of Canada:

David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, October 26, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:39 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Bill Blaikie, Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Associate Members present: Carol Skelton.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Minister of State (Public Health).

Witnesses: Public Health Agency of Canada: David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on the Public Health Agency of Canada.

The Minister and the witness made statements and answered questions.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2004-10-27 4:30 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 4

Thursday, October 28, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 26, 2004, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-12, An Act to prevent the introduction and spread of communicable diseases

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Bill Blaikie
Bonnie Brown
Colin Carrie
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain
Nicole Demers
Ruby Dhalla
Steven John Fletcher
James Lunney
Réal Ménard
Rob Merrifield
Hon. Robert Thibault

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Hon. Paul Harold Macklin for Michael John Savage

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:

Carol Skelton

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Minister of State (Public Health)

WITNESSES:

Public Health Agency of Canada:

Dennis Brodie, Legislative and Regulatory Policy Advisor, Centre
for Emergency Preparedness and Response;
David Butler-Jones, Doctor and Chief Public Health Officer.

Department of Health:

Mario Simard, General Counsel, Legislative Renewal, Health
Policy Branch.

The Minister and David Butler-Jones made statements and, with the other witnesses,
answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Thursday, October 28, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Bill Blaikie, Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Paul Harold Macklin for Michael John Savage.

Associate Members present: Carol Skelton.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Minister of State (Public Health).

Witnesses: Public Health Agency of Canada: Dennis Brodie, Legislative and Regulatory Policy Adviser, Centre for Emergency Preparedness and Response; David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer. *Department of Health:* Mario Simard, General Counsel, Health Protection Legislative Renewal.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Steven John Fletcher moved, — That the Committee send for all minutes of Cabinet while Paul Martin was Minister of Finance that relate to the claim that Paul Martin suggested that the Canada Health Act be abolished or altered in any fashion; including a copy of all memos, emails, faxes (both incoming and outgoing) interdepartmental correspondence, consultation papers and all correspondence leading up to the 1995 Budget, starting with the 30-day period immediately preceeding the formal approval of the budget speech.

Debate arose thereon.

The Chair ruled the proposed motion inadmissible as it did not meet the 48 hour notice period required by the Committee.

The Chair asked for unanimous consent to consider the proposed motion. Unanimous consent was denied.

At 11:45 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:50 a.m., the sitting resumed.

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

Rob Merrifield moved, — That the Committee report to the House, as soon as possible, its unanimous support for a motion on federal compensation for hepatitis C victims of tainted blood.

Debate arose thereon.

Bill Blaikie moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing in line 2, the article “a” with “the”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Bill Blaikie and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 26, 2004, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-12, An Act to prevent the introduction and spread of communicable diseases.

The Chair called Clause 1.

The Minister and David Butler-Jones made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib..

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, November 2, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Bill Blaikie,
Bonnie Brown,
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leon E. Benoit for James Lunney,
and Carol Skelton for Colin Carrie.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sonya Norris, Analyst;

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, November 2, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Bill Blaikie, Bonnie Brown, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Leon E. Benoit for James Lunney and Carol Skelton for Colin Carrie.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Steven John Fletcher moved, — That the committee invite the current Prime Minister of Canada to appear, at the earliest convenience of the Committee, to respond to allegations against him involving Sheila Copps, former deputy Prime Minister of Canada, and the abolition or alteration of the Canada Health Act in the drafting of the 1995 Federal Budget of Canada.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Leon E. Benoit, Bill Blaikie, Nicole Demers, Steven John Fletcher, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Carol Skelton — 7; NAYS: Brenda Chamberlain, Ruby Dhalla, Michael John Savage, Robert Thibault — 4.

Steven John Fletcher moved, — That the committee ask for all pertinent documents including, but not limited to, e-mails, memoranda, discussion papers, faxes (incoming and outgoing), interdepartmental correspondence and consultation papers, in the 30-day period prior to the formal approval of the 1995 Federal Budget Speech, between former Finance Minister Paul Martin, his Deputy Minister David Dodge, and former Deputy Prime Minister Sheila Copps.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

At 4:05 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:10 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting *in camera*.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 20,996.00, for the study on Bill C-12, An Act to prevent the introduction and spread of communicable diseases, be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 6,500.00, for the study on Hepatitis C, be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 6,500.00, for the study on the Tobacco Regulations, be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

At 4:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

2004-11-04 10:18 a.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown.

Meeting No. 6

Thursday, November 4, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 26, 2004, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-12, An Act to prevent the introduction and spread of communicable diseases.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Carol Skelton for James Lunney.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;

Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Public Health Agency of Canada:

Dennis Brodie, Legislative and Regulatory Policy Advisor, Centre
for Emergency Preparedness and Response;
Paul Gully, Senior Director General .

Department of Health:

Mario Simard, General Counsel, Legislative Renewal, Health
Policy Branch.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Thursday, November 4, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Carol Skelton for James Lunney.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Public Health Agency of Canada: Dennis Brodie, Legislative and Regulatory Policy Advisor, Centre for Emergency Preparedness and Response; Paul Gully, Senior Director General .
Department of Health: Mario Simard, General Counsel, Legislative Renewal, Health Policy Branch.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 26, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-12, An Act to prevent the introduction and spread of communicable diseases.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 12:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2004-11-04 3:51 p.m.

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38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown.

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on the Ten-Year Plan to Strengthen Health Care.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Bill Blaikie,
Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

OTHER MEMBER PRESENT:

Pat Martin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;

Sonya Norris, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Minister of Health.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Ian C. Green, Deputy Minister;
Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy Branch;
Ian Potter, Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit
Health Branch.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met in a televised session at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Bill Blaikie, Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Other Members present: Pat Martin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Minister of Health.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Ian C. Green, Deputy Minister; Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy Branch; Ian Potter, Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on the Ten-Year Plan to Strengthen Health Care.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2004-11-17 8:32 a.m.

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38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 8

Thursday, November 18, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 26, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-12, An Act to prevent the introduction and spread of communicable diseases.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain,
Nicole Demers,
Steven John Fletcher,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield
and Michael John Savage.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Prentice for Steven John Fletcher,
and Carol Skelton for James Lunney.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada:

Raymond D'Aoust, Assistant Privacy Commissioner of Canada;
Hedy Kirkby, Legal Counsel;
Melanie Millar-Chapman, Policy Analyst.

Dalhousie University:

Elaine Gibson, Acting Director, Health Law Institute.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Thursday, November 18, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Nicole Demers, Steven John Fletcher, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield and Michael John Savage.

Acting Members present: Jim Prentice for Steven John Fletcher and Carol Skelton for James Lunney.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada: Raymond D'Aoust, Assistant Privacy Commissioner of Canada; Hedy Kirkby, Legal Counsel; Melanie Millar-Chapman, Policy Analyst. *Dalhousie University:* Elaine Gibson, Acting Director, Health Law Institute.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 26, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-12, An Act to prevent the introduction and spread of communicable diseases.

Raymond D'Aoust and Elaine Gibson made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:41 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2004-11-18 3:54 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, November 23, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 26, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-12, An Act to prevent the introduction and spread of communicable diseases

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Bill Blaikie
Bonnie Brown
Colin Carrie
Nicole Demers
Ruby Dhalla
Steven John Fletcher
James Lunney
Réal Ménard
Rob Merrifield
Michael John Savage
Hon. Robert Thibault

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:

Gary Goodyear

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sonya Norris, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst;
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

B.C. Provincial Government:

Brian Emerson, Acting Executive Director, Healthy Living /
Chronic Disease Prevention, Population Health and
Wellness, Ministry of Health Services.

Public Health Agency of Canada:

Frank Plummer, Director General, Centre for Infectious Disease
Prevention and Control.

Canadian Nurses Association:

Janet Davies, Director, Public Policy;
Jane MacDonald, Primary Health Care Consultant.

Canadian Medical Association:

Albert Schumacher, President;
Isra Levy, Chief Medical Officer and Director, Office for Public
Health.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, November 23, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Bill Blaikie, Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Associate Members present: Gary Goodyear.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: B.C. Provincial Government: Brian Emerson, Acting Executive Director, Healthy Living / Chronic Disease Prevention, Population Health and Wellness, Ministry of Health Services. *Public Health Agency of Canada:* Frank Plummer, Director General, Centre for Infectious Disease Prevention and Control. *Canadian Nurses Association:* Janet Davies, Director, Public Policy; Jane MacDonald, Primary Health Care Consultant. *Canadian Medical Association:* Albert Schumacher, President; Isra Levy, Chief Medical Officer and Director, Office for Public Health.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 26, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-12, An Act to prevent the introduction and spread of communicable diseases.

Brian Emerson, Frank Plummer, Janet Davies and Albert Schumacher made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2004-11-24 9:09 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 10

Thursday, November 25, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 26, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-12, An Act to prevent the introduction and spread of communicable diseases

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Bill Blaikie
Bonnie Brown
Colin Carrie
Nicole Demers
Ruby Dhalla
Steven John Fletcher
James Lunney
Réal Ménard
Rob Merrifield
Michael John Savage
Hon. Robert Thibault

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Mount Sinai Hospital:

Donald E. Low, Doctor and Chief of Microbiology; Infectious Diseases
Consultant, University Health Network.

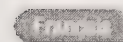
Canadian Airports Council:

Howard P. Goldberg, Vice-President, Economic Affairs and Policy Development.

Air Transport Association of Canada:

Warren Everson, Vice-President, Policy and Strategic Planning.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Thursday, November 25, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Bill Blaikie, Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Mount Sinai Hospital: Donald E. Low, Microbiologist-in-Chief and Infectious Diseases Consultant, University Health Network. *Canadian Airports Council:* Howard P. Goldberg, Vice-President, Economic Affairs and Policy Development. *Air Transport Association of Canada:* Warren Everson, Vice-President, Policy and Strategic Planning.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 26, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-12, An Act to prevent the introduction and spread of communicable diseases.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2004-11-25 4:08 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 11

Thursday, December 2, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, October 21, 2004, the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on organ transplants.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Bill Blaikie,
Bonnie Brown,
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Goodyear for James Lunney,
and Art Hanger for Colin Carrie.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Kristopher Knowles, Kristopher's Wish;
George Marcello, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Step By
Step / Kristopher's Wish.

Immaculata High School:

Thomas D'Amico, Principal.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Thursday, December 2, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:20 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Bill Blaikie, Bonnie Brown, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Gary Goodyear for James Lunney and Art Hanger for Colin Carrie.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: As Individuals: Kristopher Knowles, Kristopher's Wish; George Marcello, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Step By Step / Kristopher's Wish. *Immaculata High School:* Thomas D'Amico, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, October 21, 2004, the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on organ transplants.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Steven Fletcher moved, -- That the Committee invite Mrs. Tina Lyon to testify, as an individual, on the issue of Hepatitis C and tainted blood, at the meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 9, 2004.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 12:12 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:18 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting *in camera*.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2004-12-03 11:30 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 26, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-12, An Act to prevent the introduction and spread of communicable diseases.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Bill Blaikie,
Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Gary Carr for Ruby Dhalla.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sonya Norris, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Public Health Agency of Canada:

Dennis Brodie, Legislative and Regulatory Policy Advisor, Centre for Emergency Preparedness and Response;

Jean-Pierre Legault, Chief, Quarantine, Travel Medicine and Migration Health, Office of Public Health Security, Centre for Emergency Preparedness and Response.

Department of Health:

Mario Simard, General Counsel, Legislative Renewal, Health Policy Branch.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met at 10:11 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Bill Blaikie, Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Gary Carr for Ruby Dhalla.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Public Health Agency of Canada: Dennis Brodie, Legislative and Regulatory Policy Advisor, Centre for Emergency Preparedness and Response; Jean-Pierre Legault, Chief, Quarantine, Travel Medicine and Migration Health, Office of Public Health Security, Centre for Emergency Preparedness and Response. *Department of Health:* Mario Simard, General Counsel, Legislative Renewal, Health Policy Branch.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 26, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-12, An Act to prevent the introduction and spread of communicable diseases.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

The Chair called Clause 1.

The witnesses answered questions.

By unanimous consent, Clause 2 was allowed to stand.

Clause 3 carried.

Clause 4 carried.

On Clause 5,

Nicole Demers moved, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 5, be amended by replacing lines 1 to 3 on page 3 with the following:

“5. (1) The Minister may designate as screening officers, environmental health officers or analysts any persons or classes of persons that are qualified to perform the duties and exercise the powers of such officers or analysts.”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Robert Thibault moved, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 5, be amended by

(a) replacing lines 1 and 2 on page 3 with the following:

“5. (1) The Minister may designate qualified persons, or classes of qualified persons, as analysts, screening”

(b) replacing lines 4 and 5 on page 3 with the following:

“(2) The Minister may designate medical practitioners or other qualified health care practitioners,”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Robert Thibault and it was agreed to.

Nicole Demers moved, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 5, be amended by adding after line 18 on page 3 the following:

“(5) The Minister shall cancel a designation made under subsection (1), (2) or (3) if the person or class of persons ceases to meet the applicable conditions referred to in that subsection.”

The question was put on the amendment of Nicole Demers and it was negatived.

Clause 5, as amended, carried.

By unanimous consent, Clause 6 was allowed to stand.

On Clause 7,

Réal Ménard moved, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 7, be amended by replacing line 32 on page 3 with the following:

“place in Canada as a quarantine facility, but only with the agreement of the Minister of Health of the province where the quarantine facility is designated, and may”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Réal Ménard and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Nicole Demers, Réal Ménard — 2; NAYS: Bill Blaikie, Gary Carr, Brenda Chamberlain, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage, Robert Thibault — 7.

Clause 7 carried.

By unanimous consent, Clause 8 was allowed to stand.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 8 previously stood.

Robert Thibault moved, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 8, be amended by adding after line 2 on page 4 the following:

“(4) The Minister shall consult with the provincial public health authority of the province in which the place is situated before taking possession of it.”

Debate arose thereon.

Réal Ménard moved, -- That the amendment be amended by replacing the words “shall consult with the” with the words “shall consult and seek the support of the”

After debate, the question was put on the subamendment of Réal Ménard and it was negatived.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Robert Thibault and it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, Clause 8, as amended, was allowed to stand.

Clause 9 carried.

On Clause 10,

Robert Thibault moved, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 10, be amended by replacing lines 5 to 8 on page 4 with the following:

“10. The Minister may by order designate any point in Canada as a departure point if, in the opinion of the Minister, the order is necessary to prevent the spread of a communicable disease.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Robert Thibault and it was agreed to.

Clause 10, as amended, carried.

Clauses 11 to 13 inclusive carried severally.

On Clause 14,

Nicole Demers moved, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 14, be amended by replacing lines 25 and 26 on page 4 with the following:

“14. (1) A screening officer or quarantine officer may, to determine whether a traveller has a”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

On motion of Robert Thibault, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 14, be amended by replacing line 25 on page 4 with the following:

“14. (1) Any qualified person authorized by the Min-”

Nicole Demers moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 14, be amended by replacing line 28 on page 4 with the following:

“any prescribed screening technology that does not involve”

Debate arose thereon.

Bill Blaikie moved, — That the amendment be amended by replacing the words “any prescribed screening technology” with the following “any screening technology authorized by the Minister”

After debate, the question was put on the subamendment of Bill Blaikie and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Nicole Demers, as amended, and it was agreed to.

Clause 14, as amended, carried.

On Clause 15,

On motion of Robert Thibault, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 15, be amended by replacing line 37 on page 4 with the following:

“relevant questions asked by a screening officer or”

On motion of Réal Ménard, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 15, be amended by replacing, in the French version, line 40 on page 4 with the following:

“qu'il peut raisonnablement exiger dans l'exercice”

Rob Merrifield moved, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 15, be amended by replacing line 5 on page 5 with the following:

“close proximity to a person who has, or is reasonably likely to have, a”

On motion of Robert Thibault, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 15, be amended by replacing line 2 on page 5 with the following:

“grounds to suspect that they have or might have a communic-”

Clause 15, as amended, carried.

On Clause 16,

Robert Thibault moved, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 16, be amended by

(a) replacing line 19 on page 5 with the following:

“grounds to suspect that a traveller has or might have a”

(b) replacing line 22 on page 5 with the following:

“proximity to a person who has or might have a communic-”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Robert Thibault and it was agreed to.

Clause 16, as amended, carried.

Clauses 17 and 18 carried severally.

On Clause 19,

On motion of Robert Thibault, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 19, be amended by

(a) replacing line 11 on page 6 with the following:

“suspect that the traveller has or might have a communicable”

(b) replacing line 14 on page 6 with the following:

“who has or might have a communicable disease or is”

On motion of Robert Thibault, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 19, be amended by replacing line 21 on page 6 with the following:

“taken as soon as reasonably practicable but in any case within 48 hours after the quarantine officer requires the traveller to undergo it.”

Clause 19, as amended, carried.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 20 to 33 inclusive were stood.

On New Clause 33.1,

Robert Thibault moved, — That Bill C-12 be amended by adding after line 16 on page 11 the following new clause:

“**33.1** (1) As soon as practicable, a quarantine officer shall inform the provincial public health authority in any province concerned if

(a) the quarantine officer has required a traveller to undergo a medical examination under subsection 22(1);

(b) the quarantine officer has ordered the traveller to comply with treatment or any other measure under section 26;

(c) a peace officer has arrested a traveller and taken them to the quarantine officer under section 27;

(d) the quarantine officer is detaining a traveller under subsection 28(1); or

(e) the quarantine officer does not detain a traveller, for the reasons set out in paragraph 32(d).

(2) The quarantine officer shall disclose to the provincial public health authority the following personal information regarding the traveller, to the extent that it is known:

(a) the traveller's name, sex, age and date of birth;

(b) the traveller's itinerary, home address and location;

(c) the communicable disease in question and the state of the traveller's health in respect of that

disease; and

(d) the manner in which the traveller may have acquired the communicable disease or vectors.

(3) The quarantine officer may disclose confidential business information or other personal information obtained under this Act to the provincial public health authority if the officer has reasonable grounds to believe that the disclosure is necessary to prevent the spread of a communicable disease.”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was allowed to stand.

On Clause 34,

On motion of Robert Thibault, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 34, be amended by replacing line 19 on page 11 with the following:

“carrying persons or cargo, or of any prescribed conveyance, shall report to the”

Clause 34, as amended, carried.

At 12:00 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:25 p.m., the sitting resumed.

On Clause 35,

On motion of Réal Ménard, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 35, be amended by replacing line 3 on page 12 with the following:

“by the Minister if the Minister has reasonable grounds to believe that”

Clause 35, as amended, carried.

On new Clause 35.1,

On motion of Robert Thibault, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12 be amended by adding after line 5 on page 12 the following:

“**35.1** If the Minister makes an order under section 35, the Minister may order a provider of air navigation services, within the meaning of section 2 of the *Civil Air Navigation Services Commercialization Act*, to relay the order.”

Clause 36 carried.

On Clause 37,

On motion of Réal Ménard, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 37, be amended by replacing line 12 on page 12 with the following:

“**37.** (1) If a screening officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that a”

On motion of Nicole Demers, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 37, be amended by replacing line 22 on page 12 with the following:

“with section 38, take any reasonable measures to prevent entry”

Nicole Demers moved, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 37, be amended by replacing line 24 on page 12 with the following:

“take the conveyance to a place that is within a reasonable distance, until”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Clause 37, as amended, carried.

On Clause 38,

Robert Thibault moved, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 38, be amended by replacing line 27 on page 12 with the following:

“38. The operator shall answer any relevant questions”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Robert Thibault and it was agreed to.

On motion of Réal Ménard, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 38, be amended by replacing, in the French version, lines 28 to 31 on page 12 with the following:

“milieu et de lui fournir les renseignements et documents en sa possession qu'il peut raisonnablement exiger dans l'exercice des fonctions que lui confère la présente loi.”

Clause 38, as amended, carried.

On Clause 39,

Nicole Demers moved, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 39, be amended by replacing line 42 on page 12 with the following:

“(a) take any reasonable measures to prevent entry to or exit”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Nicole Demers and it was agreed to.

On motion of Rob Merrifield, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 39, be amended by replacing line 9 on page 13 with the following:

“(e) carry out any measures reasonably necessary to”

Clause 39, as amended, carried.

Clause 40 carried.

On New Clause 40.1,

James Lunney moved, -- That Bill C-12 be amended by adding after line 32 on page 13 the following new clause:

“**40.1** No person is required to carry out an order under subsection 39(1) if doing so would expose them to a danger as defined in subsection 122(1) of the *Canada Labour Code*.”

Debate arose thereon.

Bill Blaikie moved, -- That the amendment be amended by replacing the word “person” with the words “employee of an owner or operator of the conveyance or any person using it for the business of carrying persons or cargo”

After debate, the question was put on the subamendment of Bill Blaikie and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of James Lunney, as amended, and it was agreed to.

On New Clause 40.2,

Robert Thibault moved, — That Bill C-12 be amended by adding after line 32 on page 13 the following new clause:

“**40.2** (1) As soon as practicable, an environmental health officer shall inform the provincial public health authority in any province concerned if

(a) a conveyance has been diverted under section 35; or

(b) the environmental health officer has ordered anything to be done under subsection 39(1).

(2) The environmental health officer shall disclose to the provincial public health authority the following information regarding the conveyance, to the extent that it is known:

(a) a description of the conveyance and its itinerary;

(b) everything ordered to be done under subsection 39(1) and the reasons why it was ordered to be done;

(c) the communicable disease in question; and

(d) the name and location of the operator of the conveyance and of any person using it for the business of carrying persons or cargo.

(3) The environmental health officer may disclose confidential business information or personal information obtained under this Act to the provincial public health authority if the officer has reasonable grounds to believe that the disclosure is necessary to prevent the spread of a communicable disease.”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was allowed to stand.

By unanimous consent, new Clause 40.2 was allowed to stand.

Clauses 41 and 42 carried severally.

On Clause 43,

On motion of Rob Merrifield, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 43, be amended by replacing lines 21 and 22 on page 14 with the following:

“any amount that the owner received or is entitled to receive in respect of it from salvage, insurance or any other source.”

By unanimous consent, Clause 43, as amended, was allowed to stand.

On Clause 44,

On motion of Robert Thibault, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 44, be amended by replacing line 30 on page 14 with the following:

“part or other human remains have or might have a communi-”

Clause 44, as amended, carried.

On Clause 45,

Robert Thibault moved, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 45, be amended by replacing line 2 on page 15 with the following:

“part or other human remains that have or might have a”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Robert Thibault and it was agreed to.

Clause 45, as amended, carried.

Clause 46 carried.

On Clause 47,

On motion of Robert Thibault, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 47, be amended by replacing line 14 on page 15 with the following:

“or whether a traveller has or might have a communicable”

By unanimous consent, Clause 47, as amended, was allowed to stand.

On Clause 48,

Robert Thibault moved, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 48, be amended by replacing lines 7 to 11 on page 16 with the following:

“48. (1) A quarantine officer and an environmental health officer may not enter or inspect a dwelling-place without the consent of its occupant except under the authority of a warrant.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Robert Thibault and it was agreed to.

Clause 48, as amended, carried.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 47 previously stood.

On motion of Robert Thibault, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 47, be amended by replacing line 21 on page 15 with the following:

“(b) enter and inspect”

Robert Thibault moved, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 47, be amended by

(a) replacing line 30 on page 15 with the following:

“(e) except with respect to a traveller, conduct or cause to be conducted any test”

(b) replacing line 33 on page 15 with the following:

“(f) except with respect to a traveller, take any measurement.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Robert Thibault and it was agreed to.

Clause 47, as amended, carried.

Clause 49 carried.

At 1:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2004-12-17 10:53 a.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown.

Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 26, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-12, An Act to prevent the introduction and spread of communicable diseases.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Bill Blaikie,
Bonnie Brown,
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lee Richardson for Colin Carrie.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Public Health Agency of Canada:

Dennis Brodie, Legislative and Regulatory Policy Advisor, Centre for Emergency Preparedness and Response;

Jean-Pierre Legault, Chief, Quarantine, Travel Medicine and Migration Health, Office of Public Health Security, Centre for Emergency Preparedness and Response.

Department of Health:

Mario Simard, General Counsel, Legislative Renewal, Health Policy Branch.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met at 4:27 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Bill Blaikie, Bonnie Brown, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Lee Richardson for Colin Carrie.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Public Health Agency of Canada: Dennis Brodie, Legislative and Regulatory Policy Advisor, Centre for Emergency Preparedness and Response; Jean-Pierre Legault, Chief, Quarantine, Travel Medicine and Migration Health, Office of Public Health Security, Centre for Emergency Preparedness and Response. *Department of Health:* Mario Simard, General Counsel, Legislative Renewal, Health Policy Branch.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 26, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-12, An Act to prevent the introduction and spread of communicable diseases.

The witnesses answered questions.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 6 previously stood.

Réal Ménard moved, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 6, be amended by replacing line 20 on page 3 with the following:

“antine station at any place in Canada, but only with the agreement of the Minister of Health of the province where the quarantine station is established.”

The question was put on the amendment of Réal Ménard and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Nicole Demers, Réal Ménard — 2; NAYS: Bill Blaikie, Ruby Dhalla, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield, Lee Richardson, Michael John Savage, Robert Thibault — 7.

Rob Merrifield moved, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 6, be amended by replacing line 25 on page 3 with the following:

“provide any area”

The question was put on the amendment of Rob Merrifield and it was negatived.

On motion of Rob Merrifield, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 6, be amended by replacing lines 27 to 30 on page 3 with the following:

“for establishing a quarantine station.”

Brenda Chamberlain moved, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 6, be amended by replacing line 26 on page 3 with the following:

“or facility, along with its fixtures, that the Minister considers necessary”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Brenda Chamberlain and it was agreed to.

Clause 6, as amended, carried.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 8 previously stood.

Rob Merrifield proposed to move, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 8, be amended by replacing lines 1 and 2 on page 4 with the following:

“(3) The Minister shall, in accordance with the regulations, compensate any person”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it infringes on the financial initiative of the Crown, as provided on page 655 of the House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

James Lunney proposed to move, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 8, be amended by replacing line 1 on page 4 with the following:

“(3) The Minister shall compensate any person”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it infringes on the financial initiative of the Crown, as provided on page 655 of the House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Clause 8, as amended, carried.

The Committee reverted to new Clause 33.1.

Rob Merrifield proposed to move, — That Bill C-12 be amended by adding after line 16 on page 11 the following new clause:

“**33.1** If a traveller who is a Canadian citizen or an employee of the Government of Canada is detained under this Act and incurs a loss of income as a result of being detained, the Minister shall compensate the traveller for that loss in accordance with the regulations.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it infringes on the financial initiative of the Crown, as provided on page 655 of the House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 43 previously stood.

James Lunney proposed to move, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 43, be amended by replacing line 15 on page 14 with the following:

“**43.** The Minister shall compensate the owner”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it infringes on the financial initiative of the Crown, as provided on page 655 of the House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Clause 43, as amended, carried.

On Clause 50,

On motion of Robert Thibault, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 50, be amended by replacing line 39 on page 16 with the following:

“section 47 and any person found in the”

Clause 50, as amended, carried.

Clauses 51 to 53 inclusive carried severally.

On Clause 54,

James Lunney moved, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 54, be amended by deleting lines 22 to 33 on page 17.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of James Lunney and it was negatived.

Clause 54 carried.

On Clause 55,

Robert Thibault moved, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 55, be amended by replacing line 4 on page 18 with the following:

“**55.** The Minister may collect relevant medical in-”

Debate arose thereon.

Réal Ménard moved, -- That the amendment be amended by replacing, in the French version only, the words “médicaux qui présentent un intérêt” with the words “médicaux pertinents”

After debate, the question was put on the subamendment of Réal Ménard and it was agreed to.

The question was put on the amendment of Robert Thibault, as amended, and it was agreed to.

Clause 55, as amended, carried.

On Clause 56,

On motion of Robert Thibault, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 56, be amended by replacing line 14 on page 18 with the following:

“tion if the Minister has reasonable grounds to believe that the”

On motion of Robert Thibault, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 56, be amended by replacing line 16 on page 18 with the following:

“communicable disease or to enable Canada to fulfill its international obligations.”

Robert Thibault moved, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 56, be amended by

(a) replacing line 23 on page 18 with the following:

“information relates has or might have a communicable disease,”

(b) replacing line 25 on page 18 with the following:

“person who has or might have a communicable disease, and”

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Robert Thibault and it was agreed to.

Rob Merrifield moved, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 56, be amended by adding after line 27 on page 18 the following:

“(3) If any personal information or confidential business information is disclosed under this section, the Minister shall immediately notify the person or business to whom the information relates of the disclosure.”

Debate arose thereon.

Robert Thibault moved, — That the amendment be amended by deleting the word “immediately”

After debate, the question was put on the subamendment of Robert Thibault and it was agreed to.

The question was put on the amendment of Rob Merrifield, as amended, and it was agreed to.

Clause 56, as amended, carried.

Clause 57 carried.

On New Clause 57.1,

Robert Thibault moved, — That Bill C-12 be amended by adding after line 9 on page 19 the following new clause:

57.1 The disclosure of information under this Act does not contravene any provision of the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act*.”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was allowed to stand.

Clauses 58 to 61 inclusive carried severally.

On Clause 62,

Rob Merrifield moved, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 62, be amended by adding after line 7 on page 21 the following:

“(a.1) respecting any compensation that is to be paid under this Act;”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Rob Merrifield and it was agreed to.

Robert Thibault moved, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 62, be amended by adding after line 13 on page 21 the following:

“(c.1) respecting the specifications for areas and facilities provided under subsection 6(2);”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Robert Thibault and it was agreed to.

Robert Thibault moved, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 62, be amended by replacing line 21 on page 21 with the following:

“(g) after consultation with the Privacy Commissioner, as defined in the *Privacy Act*, respecting the protection of personal”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Robert Thibault and it was agreed to.

Clause 62, as amended, carried.

On New Clause 62.1,

Rob Merrifield moved, — That Bill C-12 be amended by adding after line 7 on page 22 the following new clause:

“**62.1** (1) The Governor in Council may not make a regulation under section 62 unless the Minister has first laid the proposed regulation before the House of Commons.

(2) A proposed regulation that is laid before the House of Commons is deemed to be automatically referred to the appropriate committee of the House, as determined by the rules of the House, and the committee may conduct inquiries or public hearings with respect to the proposed regulation and report its findings to the House.

(3) The Governor in Council may make a regulation under section 62 only if

(a) the House of Commons has not concurred in any report from a committee respecting the proposed regulation within the 30 sitting days following the day on which the proposed regulation was laid before the House, in which case the regulation may only be made in the form laid; or

(b) the House of Commons has concurred in a report from a committee approving the proposed regulation or an amended version of it, in which case the Governor in Council may only make the regulation in the form concurred in.

(4) For the purpose of this section, "sitting day" means a day on which the House of Commons sits.”

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, the amendment was allowed to stand.

Clauses 63 to 73 inclusive carried severally.

On Clause 74,

James Lunney moved, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 74, be amended by replacing lines 27 and 28 on page 24 with the following:

“or agent or mandatary of the accused, provided that the employee or agent or mandatary is”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Clauses 75 to 84 inclusive carried severally.

At 6:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2004-12-16 3:18 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 14

Wednesday, December 8, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 26, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-12, An Act to prevent the introduction and spread of communicable diseases

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill C-12, as amended, to the House of Commons

ORDERED, — That Bill C-12, as amended, be reprinted for the use of the House of Commons at report stage

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown
Colin Carrie
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain
Nicole Demers
Ruby Dhalla
James Lunney
Réal Ménard
Rob Merrifield
Michael John Savage
Hon. Robert Thibault

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Wednesday, December 8, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:39 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 26, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-12, An Act to prevent the introduction and spread of communicable diseases.

The witnesses answered questions.

On New Clause 33.1,

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to the consideration of the amendment of Robert Thibault previously stood which read as follows: That Bill C-12 be amended by adding after line 16 on page 11 the following new clause:

“33.1 (1) As soon as practicable, a quarantine officer shall inform the provincial public health authority in any province concerned if

- (a) the quarantine officer has required a traveller to undergo a medical examination under subsection 22(1);
- (b) the quarantine officer has ordered the traveller to comply with treatment or any other measure under section 26;
- (c) a peace officer has arrested a traveller and taken them to the quarantine officer under section 27;
- (d) the quarantine officer is detaining a traveller under subsection 28(1); or
- (e) the quarantine officer does not detain a traveller, for the reasons set out in paragraph 32(d).

(2) The quarantine officer shall disclose to the provincial public health authority the following personal information regarding the traveller, to the extent that it is known:

- (a) the traveller's name, sex, age and date of birth;
- (b) the traveller's itinerary, home address and location;
- (c) the communicable disease in question and the state of the traveller's health in respect of that disease; and

(d) the manner in which the traveller may have acquired the communicable disease or vectors.

(3) The quarantine officer may disclose confidential business information or other personal information obtained under this Act to the provincial public health authority if the officer has reasonable grounds to believe that the disclosure is necessary to prevent the spread of a communicable disease.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Robert Thibault and it was agreed to.

On New Clause 40.2,

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to the consideration of the amendment of Robert Thibault previously stood which read as follows: That Bill C-12 be amended by adding after line 32 on page 13 the following new clause:

“40.2 (1) As soon as practicable, an environmental health officer shall inform the provincial public health authority in any province concerned if

(a) a conveyance has been diverted under section 35; or

(b) the environmental health officer has ordered anything to be done under subsection 39(1).

(2) The environmental health officer shall disclose to the provincial public health authority the following information regarding the conveyance, to the extent that it is known:

(a) a description of the conveyance and its itinerary;

(b) everything ordered to be done under subsection 39(1) and the reasons why it was ordered to be done;

(c) the communicable disease in question; and

(d) the name and location of the operator of the conveyance and of any person using it for the business of carrying persons or cargo.

(3) The environmental health officer may disclose confidential business information or personal information obtained under this Act to the provincial public health authority if the officer has reasonable grounds to believe that the disclosure is necessary to prevent the spread of a communicable disease.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Robert Thibault and it was agreed to.

On New Clause 57.1,

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to the consideration of the amendment of Robert Thibault previously stood which read as follows: That Bill C-12 be amended by adding after line 9 on page 19 the following new clause:

57.1 The disclosure of information under this Act does not contravene any provision of the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act*.”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 20 previously stood.

On motion of Robert Thibault, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 20, be amended by replacing line 27 on page 6 with the following:

“who has or might have a communicable disease or who is”

On motion of Robert Thibault, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 20, be amended by replacing line 29 on page 6 with the following:

“(2) For the purposes of sections 21 to 33.1,”

Clause 20, as amended, carried.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 21 previously stood.

Robert Thibault moved, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 21, be amended by replacing lines 3 to 7 on page 7 with the following:

“at an entry or departure point if a traveller or baggage that was or may be disinfested under subsection (1) or (2) has been in or at that place and the quarantine officer has reasonable grounds to believe that the place is infested with vectors.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Robert Thibault and it was agreed to.

Clause 21, as amended, carried.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 22 previously stood.

On motion of Robert Thibault, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 22, be amended by

(a) replacing line 9 on page 7 with the following:

“grounds to believe that a traveller has or might have a”

(b) replacing line 12 on page 7 with the following:

“to a person who has or might have a communicable disease or”

Rob Merrifield proposed to move, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 22, be amended by replacing line 16 on page 7 with the following:

“ducted at the Minister's expense by one or more medical practitioners and undertaken”

The Chair ruled the amendment inadmissible because it infringes on the financial initiative of the Crown, as provided on Page 655 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

On motion of Robert Thibault, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 22, be amended by replacing line 17 on page 7 with the following:

“as soon as reasonably practicable but in any case within 48 hours after the quarantine officer requires the traveller to undergo it.”

Clause 22, as amended, carried.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 23 previously stood.

On motion of Rob Merrifield, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 23, be amended by replacing line 21 on page 7 with the following:

“tion conducted under subsection 22(1). The quarantine officer shall inform the traveller of this fact.”

Rob Merrifield moved, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 23, be amended by replacing line 22 on page 7 with the following:

“(2) The quarantine officer shall accept the”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Rob Merrifield and it was agreed to.

Clause 23, as amended, carried.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 24 previously stood.

On motion of Robert Thibault, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 24, be amended by replacing lines 29 to 32 on page 7 with the following:

“24. The Minister shall, if reasonably possible, provide a traveller with an interpreter if”

Clause 24, as amended, carried.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 25 previously stood.

On motion of Robert Thibault, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 25, be amended by

(a) replacing line 39 on page 7 with the following:

“the traveller has or might have a communicable disease, or has”

(b) replacing line 41 on page 7 with the following:

“who has or might have a communicable disease or is infested”

Clause 25, as amended, carried.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 26 previously stood.

On motion of Robert Thibault, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 26, be amended by

(a) replacing line 11 on page 8 with the following:

“grounds to believe that the traveller has or might have a”

(b) replacing line 14 on page 8 with the following:

“to a person who has or might have a communicable disease or”

Clause 26, as amended, carried.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 27 previously stood.

Clause 27 carried.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 28 previously stood.

On motion of Robert Thibault, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 28, be amended by

(a) replacing line 39 on page 8 with the following:

“(i) has or might have a communicable disease or is”

(b) replacing line 41 on page 8 with the following:

“in close proximity to a person who has or might have a”

James Lunney proposed to move, - That Bill C-12, in Clause 28, be amended by adding after line 7 on page 9 the following:

“(3) The Minister shall, in accordance with the regulations, compensate any traveller detained under subsection (1) in an amount equivalent to an average Canadian worker's daily wage for each day that the person is detained.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it infringes on the financial initiative of the Crown, as provided on Page 655 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Clause 28, as amended, carried.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 29 previously stood.

On motion of Robert Thibault, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 29, be amended by

(a) replacing line 22 on page 9 with the following:

“sary if the officer has reasonable grounds to believe that the”

(b) replacing line 40 on page 9 with the following:

“officer has reasonable grounds to believe that the traveller does”

Clause 29, as amended, carried.

Clause 30 carried.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 31 previously stood.

On motion of Rob Merrifield, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 31, be amended by replacing line 42 on page 10 with the following:

“necessary or prudent to prevent the spread of a commu-”

Clause 31, as amended, carried.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 32 previously stood.

On motion of Réal Ménard, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 32, be amended by replacing line 1 on page 11 with the following:

“(a) the quarantine officer has reasonable grounds to believe”

On motion of Réal Ménard, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 32, be amended by replacing line 8 on page 11 with the following:

“(d) the quarantine officer has reasonable grounds to believe”

Clause 32, as amended, carried.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 33 previously stood.

Clause 33 carried.

On New Clause 62.1,

Rob Merrifield moved, — That Bill C-12 be amended by adding after line 7 on page 22 the following new clause:

“**62.1** (1) Before a regulation is made under section 62, the Minister shall lay the proposed regulation before the House of Commons.

(2) A proposed regulation that is laid before the House of Commons shall be referred to the Standing Committee on Health or, in the event that there is not a Standing Committee on Health, the appropriate committee of the House, and it may review the proposed regulation and report its findings to the House.

(3) The Governor in Council may make a regulation under section 62 only if

(a) the House of Commons has not concurred in any report from a committee respecting the proposed regulation before the end of 30 sitting days or 160 calendar days, whichever is earlier, after the day on which the proposed regulation was laid before the House, in which case the regulation may only

be made in the form laid; or

(b) the House of Commons has concurred in a report from a committee approving the proposed regulation or an amended version of it, in which case the Governor in Council may only make the regulation in the form concurred in.

(4) For the purpose of this section, “sitting day” means a day on which the House of Commons sits.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Rob Merrifield and it was agreed to.

On motion of Rob Merrifield, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12 be amended by adding after line 7 on page 22 the following new clause:

“**62.2** (1) A regulation may be made without being laid before the House of Commons if the Minister is of the opinion that

(a) the changes made by the regulation to an existing regulation are so immaterial or insubstantial that section 62.1 should not apply in the circumstances; or

(b) the regulation must be made immediately in order to protect the health or safeguard the safety of the public.

(2) If a regulation is made without being laid before the House of Commons, the Minister shall lay before that House a statement of the reasons why it was not.”

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 2 previously stood.

On motion of Robert Thibault, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing line 2 on page 2 with the following:

“relevant medical history and the travel history of a traveller and a”

On motion of Robert Thibault, it was agreed, — That Bill C-12, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 7 on page 2 the following:

“medical examination” includes ascertaining the relevant medical history and the travel history of the person being examined, the conduct of a physical examination and any laboratory tests or radiographic or diagnostic tests that are required to make a determination of whether the person might have a communicable disease.”

On motion of Robert Thibault, it was agreed, -- That Bill C-12, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 19 on page 2 the following:

“quarantine facility” means any place that is used for the detention of a traveller.

“quarantine station” means any place that is used for the administration and enforcement of this Act.”

Clause 2, as amended, carried.

Schedule 1 carried.

The Short Title carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

The Title carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried.

ORDERED, — That Bill C-12, as amended, be reprinted for the use of the House at report stage.

At 4:49 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2004-12-17 10:34 a.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 15

Thursday, December 9, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motions adopted by the Committee on October 21 and 28, 2004, the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on Hepatitis C

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown
Colin Carrie
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain
Nicole Demers
Ruby Dhalla
Steven John Fletcher
James Lunney
Rob Merrifield
Michael John Savage
Hon. Robert Thibault

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Gary Goodyear for James Lunney

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Hemophilia Society:

Jeff Rice, Coordinator, Regional Resources and Hepatitis C
Programs.

Hepatitis C Society of Canada:

Scott Hemming, National Chairperson;
Charles Duguay, Board Member.

Tough and Podrebarac LLP:

Bonnie Tough, Lawyer.

As Individual:

Tina Lyon.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Thursday, December 9, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met in a televised session at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Gary Goodyear for James Lunney.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Hemophilia Society: Jeff Rice, Coordinator, Regional Resources and Hepatitis C Programs. *Hepatitis C Society of Canada:* Scott Hemming, National Chairperson; Charles Duguay, Board Member. *Tough and Podrebarac LLP:* Bonnie Tough, Lawyer. *As an Individual:* Tina Lyon.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motions adopted by the Committee on October 21 and 28, 2004, the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on Hepatitis C.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/13 2:29 p.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown.

Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, December 14, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Proposed Cigarette Ignition Propensity Regulations, pursuant to the Tobacco Act, S.C. 1997, c. 13, sbs. 42.1(1), referred to the Committee on Tuesday, November 30, 2004.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Bill Blaikie,
Colin Carrie,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Goodyear for Steven John Fletcher.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. John McKay.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Hélène Goulet, Director General, Tobacco Control Program,
Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch;
Denis Choinière, Director, Office of Regulations and Compliance,
Tobacco Control Program, Healthy Environments and Consumer
Safety Branch.

Non-Smokers' Rights Association:

François Damphousse, Director, Quebec Office;
Russ Haven, Legislative Counsel, New York Public Interest
Research Group.

Physicians for a Smoke-Free Canada:

Neil E. Collishaw, Research Director.

Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited:

Donald McCarty, Vice-President, Law;
Pierre Fortier, Vice-President, Corporate Affairs;
Gaëtan Duplessis, Division Head, Research and Development.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, December 14, 2004

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Bill Blaikie, Colin Carrie, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Gary Goodyear for Steven John Fletcher.

Other Members present: Hon. John McKay.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Hélène Goulet, Director General, Tobacco Control Program, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch; Denis Choinière, Director, Office of Regulations and Compliance, Tobacco Control Program, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch.

Non-Smokers' Rights Association: François Damphousse, Director, Québec Office; Russ Haven, Legislative Counsel, New York Public Interest Research Group. *Physicians for a Smoke-Free Canada:* Neil E. Collishaw, Research Director. *Imperial Tobacco Canada Limited:* Donald McCarty, Vice-President, Law; Pierre Fortier, Vice-President, Corporate Affairs; Gaëtan Duplessis, Division Head, Research and Development.

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Proposed Cigarette Ignition Propensity Regulations, pursuant to the Tobacco Act, S.C. 1997, c. 13, sbs. 42.1(1), referred to the Committee on Tuesday, November 30, 2004.

Hélène Goulet, François Damphousse, Russ Haven, Neil Collishaw, Donald McCarty and Gaëtan Duplessis made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:05 p.m., James Lunney took the Chair.

At 12:10 p.m., Réal Ménard took the Chair.

On motion of Nicole Demers, it was agreed, — That the Committee report on the Proposed Cigarette Ignition Propensity Regulations to the House of Commons, as proposed, and without amendment.

At 12:51 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/15 7:21 p.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown. Lib.

Meeting No. 17

Thursday, February 3, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Proposed Regulations Amending the Tobacco Reporting Regulations, pursuant to the Tobacco Act, S.C. 1997, c. 13, sbs. 42.1(1), referred to the Committee on Tuesday, December 14, 2004.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colin Carrie,
Jean Crowder,
Nicole Demers,
Steven John Fletcher,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Carr for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain,
Russ Powers for Bonnie Brown,
Merv Tweed for James Lunney,
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Ruby Dhalla.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:
Denis Choinière, Director, Office of Regulations and Compliance,
Tobacco Control Program, Healthy Environments and Consumer
Safety Branch;
Victoria Tunstall, Regulatory Policy Analyst, Office of Regulation
and Compliance, Tobacco Control Program, Healthy Environments
and Consumer Safety Branch.

Physicians for a Smoke-Free Canada:
Neil E. Collishaw, Research Director;
Cyril Sabbah, Research biologist.

Neil E. Collishaw, Cyril Sabbah and Denis Choinière made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Thursday, February 3, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Vice-Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colin Carrie, Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Steven John Fletcher, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Gary Carr for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Russ Powers for Bonnie Brown, Merv Tweed for James Lunney and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Ruby Dhalla.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Denis Choinière, Director, Office of Regulations and Compliance, Tobacco Control Program, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch; Victoria Tunstall, Regulatory Policy Analyst, Office of Regulation and Compliance, Tobacco Control Program, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch. *Physicians for a Smoke-Free Canada:* Neil E. Collishaw, Research Director; Cyril Sabbah, Research biologist.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Steven John Fletcher, it was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Health request that the Minister of Health refrain from any action pertaining to the Internet Pharmacy industry until the Committee has fully studied the issue and submitted its recommendations to the House.

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Proposed Regulations Amending the Tobacco Reporting Regulations, pursuant to the Tobacco Act, S.C. 1997, c. 13, sbs. 42.1(1), referred to the Committee on Tuesday, December 14, 2004.

Neil E. Collishaw, Cyril Sabbah and Denis Choinière made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$9,100 for the meeting with the Canadian Patient Safety Institute and the authors of the Canadian Adverse Events Study, be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

At 12:47 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005-02-03 4:34 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 18

Monday, February 7, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on the Health Council of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Jean Crowder,
Nicole Demers,
Steven John Fletcher,
James Lunney,
Rob Merrifield,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Roger Gaudet for Nicole Demers.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESS:

Health Council of Canada:
Michael Decter, Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 18

Monday, February 7, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met in a televised session at 3:39 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Roger Gaudet for Nicole Demers.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Health Council of Canada: Michael Decter, Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on the Health Council of Canada.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005-02-08 11:05 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 19

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on the Canadian Patient Safety Institute and the Canadian Adverse Events Study.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Jean Crowder,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rodger Cuzner for Hon. Robert Thibault,
Susan Kadis for Michael John Savage,
Marc Lemay for Nicole Demers,
and David Smith for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

G. Ross Baker, Co-author of the Canadian Adverse Events Study;
Peter G. Norton, Co-author of the Canadian Adverse Events Study.

Canadian Patient Safety Institute:

Philip Hassen, Chief Executive Director;
Don Schurman, Former Chief Executive Officer.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met in a televised session at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Jean Crowder, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Rodger Cuzner for Hon. Robert Thibault, Susan Kadis for Michael John Savage, Marc Lemay for Nicole Demers and David Smith for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: As Individuals: G. Ross Baker, Co-author of the Canadian Adverse Events Study; Peter G. Norton, Co-author of the Canadian Adverse Events Study. *Canadian Patient Safety Institute:* Philip Hassen, Chief Executive Director; Don Schurman, Former Chief Executive Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on the Canadian Patient Safety Institute and the Canadian Adverse Events Study.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005-02-14 11:45 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 20

Monday, February 14, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 3, 2005, the Committee resumed its study on Internet Pharmacies.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Proposed Regulations Amending the Tobacco Reporting Regulations, pursuant to the Tobacco Act, S.C. 1997, c. 13, sbs. 42.1(1), referred to the Committee on Tuesday, December 14, 2004.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Nicole Demers,
Steven John Fletcher,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard
and Rob Merrifield.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes for Hon. Robert Thibault,
Marlene Jennings for Michael John Savage,
Pat Martin for Jean Crowder,
and Anthony Rota for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy Branch;
Wayne Lepine, Director, Pharmaceutical Policy, Quality Care,
Technology and Pharmaceuticals Division, Health Care
Policy Directorate, Health Policy Branch;
Étienne Ouimette, Acting Director, Compliance and Enforcement
Coordination Division, Inspectorate Ottawa, HPFB
Inspectorate, Health Products and Food Branch.

Ian Shugart made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Monday, February 14, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:29 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Nicole Demers, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard and Rob Merrifield.

Acting Members present: Hon. Sue Barnes for Hon. Robert Thibault, Marlene Jennings for Michael John Savage, Pat Martin for Jean Crowder and Anthony Rota for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst; Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy Branch; Wayne Lepine, Director, Pharmaceutical Policy, Quality Care, Technology and Pharmaceuticals Division, Health Care Policy Directorate, Health Policy Branch; Étienne Ouimette, Acting Director, Compliance and Enforcement Coordination Division, Inspectorate Ottawa, HPFB Inspectorate, Health Products and Food Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 3, 2005, the Committee commenced its study on Internet Pharmacies.

Ian Shugart made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pat Martin moved, — That the Standing Committee on Health study the health effects of asbestos laden vermiculite insulation.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

A point of order was raised regarding the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, October 21, 2004, concerning the circumstances around the firing of three Health Canada researchers.

After debate, it was agreed, - That the Committee would meet *in camera* with the scientists in question, before the end of June 2005.

Rob Merrifield took the Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee resumed consideration of the Proposed Regulations Amending the Tobacco Reporting Regulations, pursuant to the Tobacco Act, S.C. 1997, c. 13, sbs. 42.1 (1), referred to the Committee on Tuesday, December 14, 2004.

On motion of Bonnie Brown, it was agreed, - That, in the Proposed Regulations Amending the Tobacco Reporting Regulations, the proposed amendment 3 be further amended by deleting the words: “the Minister must be able to manipulate the test results; and”, and replacing them with the following: “the Minister must be able to electronically process the test results without having to re-copy or re-enter them; and”

On motion of Sue Barnes, it was agreed, — That the Committee also recommend that all information to be submitted to Health Canada under these regulations be made public. If need be, the Minister of Health should authorize its disclosure in the public interest in accordance with Section 20(6) of the Access to Information Act.

On motion of Sue Barnes, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a response to the report.

On motion of Réal Ménard, it was agreed, — That the Chair report the Proposed Regulations Amending the Tobacco Reporting Regulations, to the House of Commons, with the agreed amendment and recommendations.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005-02-18 4:02 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 21

Wednesday, February 16, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 3, 2005, the Committee resumed its study on Internet Pharmacies.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Nicole Demers,
Steven John Fletcher,
James Lunney,
Rob Merrifield,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Don Boudria for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain,
and Tony Martin for Jean Crowder.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian International Pharmacy Association:

Randall Stephanchew, Vice President;
David MacKay, Executive Director.

International Pharmacy Association of British Columbia:

Ankur Arora, Executive Member;
Dawn Polley, Executive Member.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

Wednesday, February 16, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met in a televised session at 3:39 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Nicole Demers, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Hon. Don Boudria for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain and Tony Martin for Jean Crowder.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian International Pharmacy Association: Randall Stephanchew, Vice President; David MacKay, Executive Director. *International Pharmacy Association of British Columbia:* Ankur Arora, Executive Member; Dawn Polley, Executive Member.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 3, 2005, the Committee resumed its study on Internet Pharmacies.

David MacKay, Ankur Arora and Dawn Polley made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee would hold more hearings as part of its study on Internet Pharmacies.

On motion of Robert Thibault, it was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to sit *in camera*.

At 5:27 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:28 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting *in camera*.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005-02-18 9:13 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 22

Monday, February 21, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, October 21, 2004, the Committee commenced its study of the Report of the Auditor General of Canada (Chapter 4: Management of Federal Drug Benefit Programs).

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Jean Crowder,
Nicole Demers,
Steven John Fletcher,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Goodyear for Colin Carrie,
and Charlie Penson for Rob Merrifield.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Ronald Campbell, Assistant Auditor General;
Frank Barrett, Director.

Department of Health:

Hélène Gosselin, Associate Deputy Minister;
Ian Potter, Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit
Health Branch;
Leslie MacLean, Director General, Non-Insured Health Benefits
Directorate, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.

Correctional Services Canada:

Fraser McVie, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Correctional
Operations and Programs;
Cheryl Fraser, Assistant Commissioner, Performance Assurance.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Kevin Mole, Assistant Commissioner, Director General,
Occupational Health and Safety.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Monday, February 21, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met in a televised session at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Gary Goodyear for Colin Carrie and Charlie Penson for Rob Merrifield.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Ronald Campbell, Assistant Auditor General; Frank Barrett, Director. *Department of Health:* Hélène Gosselin, Associate Deputy Minister; Ian Potter, Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch; Leslie MacLean, Director General, Non-Insured Health Benefits Directorate, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch. *Correctional Services Canada:* Fraser McVie, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Correctional Operations and Programs; Cheryl Fraser, Assistant Commissioner, Performance Assurance. *Royal Canadian Mounted Police:* Kevin Mole, Assistant Commissioner, Director General, Occupational Health and Safety.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, October 21, 2004, the Committee commenced its study of the Report of the Auditor General of Canada (Chapter 4: Management of Federal Drug Benefit Programs).

Steven John Fletcher moved, — That the Committee consider the two motions appearing on the agenda before proceeding with the testimony of the witnesses.

Debate arose thereon.

The Chair ruled that the Committee would proceed with the testimony of the witnesses and the questions by members before consideration of the two proposed motions.

Whereupon, Steven John Fletcher appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the decision was sustained, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 4.

The Chair's decision was sustained as the question was not negated.

Sheila Fraser, Hélène Gosselin, Cheryl Fraser and Kevin Mole made statements and, with Ian Potter, Ronald Campbell and Fraser McVie, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Steven John Fletcher moved, — That the Standing Committee on Health request that the federal government appoint the Auditor General to provide external performance audits on health-related government foundations such as Canada Health Infoway, Canadian Health Services Research Foundation, Genome Canada, and the Canadian Foundation for Innovation.

Steven John Fletcher moved, — That the question be now put.

Debate arose thereon.

The Chair ruled the proposed motion inadmissible as the previous question is not admissible in any committee, as provided on page 456 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 2.

Steven John Fletcher moved, — That the Standing Committee on Health request that the federal government, as the fifth largest provider of health care in Canada, provide full and transparent details of its activities as they pertain to the delivery of health care services and the costs associated with their delivery.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005-02-22 4:30 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown.

Meeting No. 23

Thursday, February 24, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-206, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (warning labels regarding the consumption of alcohol).

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown
Colin Carrie
Jean Crowder
Nicole Demers
Ruby Dhalla
Steven John Fletcher
James Lunney
Réal Ménard
Rob Merrifield
Michael John Savage
Hon. Robert Thibault

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst
Sonya Norris, Analyst

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Paul Szabo, M.P., Mississauga South.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

Thursday, February 24, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met in a video recorded session at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Robert Thibault.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: House of Commons: Paul Szabo, M.P., Mississauga South.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 9, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-206, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (warning labels regarding the consumption of alcohol).

The Chair called Clause 1.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/25 8:13 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 24

Monday, March 7, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, October 21, 2004, the Committee commenced its study of the Report of the Auditor General of Canada (Chapter 4: Management of Federal Drug Benefit Programs).

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Jean Crowder,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Frank Barrett, Director, Aboriginal Issues.

Department of Health:

Ian Potter, Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch;
Leslie MacLean, Director General, Non-Insured Health Benefits Directorate, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Lyse Ricard, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations;
Sylvie Martin, Director, Strategies and Policies, Medical Services Branch.

Department of Veterans Affairs:

Verna Bruce, Associate Deputy Minister;
Ron Herbert, Director General, National Operations Division.

Department of National Defence:

MGen Lise Mathieu, Commander, Canadian Forces Health Services Group and Director General;
LCol Régis Vaillancourt, Pharmacy Policy and Standards.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

Monday, March 7, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met in a televised session at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Frank Barrett, Director. *Department of Health:* Ian Potter, Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch; Leslie MacLean, Director General, Non-Insured Health Benefits Directorate, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch. *Department of Citizenship and Immigration:* Lyse Ricard, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations; Sylvie Martin, Director, Strategies and Policies, Medical Services Branch. *Department of Veterans Affairs:* Verna Bruce, Associate Deputy Minister; Ron Herbert, Director General, National Operations Division. *Department of National Defence:* MGen Lise Mathieu, Commander, Canadian Forces Health Services Group and Director General; LCol Regis Vaillancourt, Pharmacy Policy and Standards.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, October 21, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of the Report of the Auditor General of Canada (Chapter 4: Management of Federal Drug Benefit Programs).

Lyse Ricard, Verna Bruce and MGen Lise Mathieu made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005-03-08 3:51 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 25

Wednesday, March 9, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-206, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (warning labels regarding the consumption of alcohol)

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain,
Jean Crowder,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard
and Michael John Savage.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Alan Tonks for Hon. Robert Thibault

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Rob Nicholson
and Paul Szabo.

OTHER MEMBER PRESENT:

Roy Cullen.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Association of Canadian Distillers:

Jan Westcott, President and Chief Executive Officer;
C.J. Hélie, Executive Vice-President.

Brewers Association of Canada:

Howard Collins, President;
John Sleeman, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Sleeman
Breweries Limited;
Teresa Cascioli, President and Chief Executive Officer, Lakeport
Beverage Corporation.

Association des microbrasseries du Québec:

Laura Urtnowski, President;
Frédéric Tremblay, President, La microbrasserie Charlevoix.

Canadian Vintners Association:

Vicki Bas, Director of Research;
Norman Beal, President and Chief Executive Officer, Peninsula
Ridge Estates Winery.

TAXIGUY Inc.:

Justin Raymond, President.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

Wednesday, March 9, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard and Michael John Savage.

Acting Members present: Alan Tonks for Hon. Robert Thibault.

Associate Members present: Hon. Rob Nicholson and Paul Szabo.

Other Members present: Roy Cullen.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Association of Canadian Distillers: Jan Westcott, President and Chief Executive Officer; C.J. Hélie, Executive Vice-President. *Brewers Association of Canada:* Howard Collins, President; John Sleeman, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Sleeman Breweries Limited; Teresa Cascioli, President and Chief Executive Officer, Lakeport Beverage Corporation. *Association des microbrasseries du Québec:* Laura Urtnowski, President; Frédérick Tremblay, President, La microbrasserie Charlevoix. *Canadian Vintners Association:* Vicki Bas, Director of Research; Norman Beal, President and Chief Executive Officer, Peninsula Ridge Estates Winery. *Taxiguy Inc.:* Justin Raymond, President.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-206, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (warning labels regarding the consumption of alcohol).

Jan Wescott, John Sleeman, Howard Collins, Teresa Cascioli, Laura Urtnowski, Frédérick Tremblay, Vicki Bas and Justin Raymond made statements and, with Norman Beal, answered questions.

At 5:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005-03-10 2:56 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 26

Thursday, March 10, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-206, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (warning labels regarding the consumption of alcohol).

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Jean Crowder,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:

Paul Szabo.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Mothers Against Drunk Driving:

Karen Dunham, National President;
Andrew Murie, Executive Director.

Canadian Paediatric Society:

Robin Walker, President.

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Group of Ottawa:

Elsbeth Ross, Co-facilitator.

Éduc'alcool:

Hubert Sacy, Director General.

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health:

Robert Mann, Senior Research Scientist .

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 26

Thursday, March 10, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met in a video recorded session at 10:49 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Associate Members present: Paul Szabo.

Attendance: *Library of Parliament:* Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: *Mothers Against Drunk Driving:* Karen Dunham, National President; Andrew Murie, Executive Director. *Canadian Paediatric Society:* Robin Walker, President. *Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Group of Ottawa:* Elspeth Ross, Co-facilitator. *Éduc'alcool:* Hubert Sacy, Director General. *Centre for Addiction and Mental Health:* Robert Mann, Senior Research Scientist.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the motion presented by the Chair at today's meeting with respect to the Fourth Report of the Committee on the subject of Tobacco Reporting Regulations, tabled in the House of Commons on Friday, December 16, 2004, be dealt with at the next scheduled meeting of the Committee on Monday, March 21, 2005.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-206, an Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (warning labels regarding the consumption of alcohol).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005-03-24 2:17 p.m.

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38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 27

Monday, March 21, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-206, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (warning labels regarding the consumption of alcohol).

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Jean Crowder,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Keith Martin for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain,
Lee Richardson for Rob Merrifield,
and Paul Szabo for Michael John Savage.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

The University of Western Ontario:

Professor John Trevithick, Biochemistry, Schulich School of
Medicine, School of Kinesiology.

Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse:

Michel Perron, Chief Executive Officer;
Patricia Begin, Director, Research and Policy;
Gerald B. Thomas, Senior Policy Analyst.

*Best Start: Ontario's Maternal, Newborn and Early Child Development
Resource Centre:*

Wendy Burgoyne, Health Promotion Consultant.

John Trevithick, Michel Perron and Wendy Burgoyne made statements and, with Gerald Thomas, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 27

Monday, March 21, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Hon. Keith Martin for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Lee Richardson for Rob Merrifield and Paul Szabo for Michael John Savage.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: The University of Western Ontario: John Trevithick, Professor, Biochemistry, Schulich School of Medicine, School of Kinesiology. *Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse:* Michel Perron, Chief Executive Officer; Patricia Begin, Director, Research and Policy; Gerald B. Thomas, Senior Policy Analyst. *Best Start: Ontario's Maternal, Newborn and Early Child Development Resource Centre:* Wendy Burgoyne, Health Promotion Consultant.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-206, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (warning labels regarding the consumption of alcohol).

John Trevithick, Michel Perron and Wendy Burgoyne made statements and, with Gerald Thomas, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Réal Ménard, it was agreed, — That, notwithstanding the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Health presented in the House of Commons on Friday, February 16, 2005, the Chair shall table two separate reports on the Proposed Regulations Amending the Tobacco Reporting Regulations, as referred to the Committee on Tuesday, December 14, 2004;

One report will refer to the amendment to the proposed regulations, as agreed by the Committee on Monday, February 14, 2005; and

The second report referring to the Committee's recommendation with respect to the Access to Information Act; and

That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a response to the Committee's recommendation.

Steven John Fletcher moved, — That the Committee report to the House, that it not only continues to urge the government to extend compensation to all those who contracted Hepatitis C from tainted blood, but that it call on the government to do so immediately, in recognition of the First Report of this

Committee, the recommendations of the Krever Inquiry and the large surplus in the federal Hepatitis C compensation fund.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005/03/22 12:07 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown. Lib.

Meeting No. 28

Thursday, March 24, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-206, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (warning labels regarding the consumption of alcohol).

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield
and Michael John Savage.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Goodyear for James Lunney,
and Paul Szabo for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

The University of Western Ontario:

Robert Solomon, Professor, Faculty of Law.

Alcohol Policy Network:

Nancy Langdon, Supervisor, Injury Prevention, Ottawa Public Health.

The Student Life Education Company:

Frances Wdowczyk, Executive Director.

University of Montréal:

Louise Nadeau, Full Professor, Research Group on the Social Aspects of Health and Prevention (GRASP).

Correctional Service Canada:

Don Head, Senior Deputy Commissioner;

Larry Motiuk, Director General, Research Branch.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 29

Monday, April 4, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-206, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (warning labels regarding the consumption of alcohol).

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain,
Nicole Demers,
Steven John Fletcher,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:

Paul Szabo.

WITNESSES:

Hospital for Sick Children:

Gideon Koren, Director, Motherisk Program.

Department of Justice:

Irit Weiser, Director and Senior General Counsel, Health;
Elisabeth Eid, Director and General Counsel, Human Rights Law
Section.

Department of Health:

Susan Fletcher, Assistant Deputy Minister, Healthy Environments
and Consumer Safety Branch;
Kathy Langlois, Director General, Community Programs
Directorate, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch;
Claudette Dalpé, Associate Director, Food Regulatory Programs
and Access to Information, Bureau of Food Regulatory,
International and Interagency Affairs, Food Directorate, Health
Products and Food Branch.

Public Health Agency of Canada:

Kelly Stone, Director, Childhood and Adolescence Division,
Centre for Healthy Human Development;
Mary Johnston, Manager, Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
Team, Childhood and Adolescence Division.

House of Commons:

Jim Gouk, M.P., British Columbia Southern Interior.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 29

Monday, April 4, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Nicole Demers, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Associate Members present: Paul Szabo.

Witnesses: *The Hospital for Sick Children:* Gideon Koren, Director, Motherisk Program. *Department of Justice:* Irit Weiser, Director and Senior General Counsel, Health; Elisabeth Eid, Director and General Counsel, Human Rights Law Section. *Department of Health:* Susan Fletcher, Assistant Deputy Minister, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch; Kathy Langlois, Director General, Community Programs Directorate, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch; Claudette Dalpé, Associate Director, Food Regulatory Programs and Access to Information, Bureau of Food Regulatory, International and Interagency Affairs, Food Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch. *Public Health Agency of Canada:* Kelly Stone, Director, Childhood and Adolescence Division, Centre for Healthy Human Development; Mary Johnston, Manager, Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Team, Childhood and Adolescence Division. *House of Commons:* Jim Gouk, M.P., British Columbia Southern Interior.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-206, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (warning labels regarding the consumption of alcohol).

Gideon Koren, Irit Weiser, Susan Fletcher and Jim Gouk made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005-04-05 4:11 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 30

Thursday, April 7, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-206, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (warning labels regarding the consumption of alcohol).

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain,
Jean Crowder,
Nicole Demers,
Steven John Fletcher,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:

Paul Szabo.

OTHER MEMBER PRESENT:

Hon. Mark Eyking.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;

Sonya Norris, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Wayne Cole, Legislative Clerk.

WITNESSES:

University of Victoria:

Tim Stockwell, Director and Professor, Centre for Addictions
Research of BC.

House of Commons:

Paul Szabo, M.P., Mississauga South.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 30

Thursday, April 7, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Associate Members present: Paul Szabo.

Other Members present: Hon. Mark Eyking.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Wayne Cole, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: University of Victoria: Tim Stockwell, Director and Professor, Centre for Addictions Research of BC. *House of Commons:* Paul Szabo, M.P., Mississauga South.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-206; An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (warning labels regarding the consumption of alcohol).

The witnesses made statements and Tim Stockwell answered questions.

It was agreed, — That, at the conclusion of the presentation by Paul Szabo, M.P., members of the Committee would dispense with questions.

Brenda Chamberlain moved, —

Whereas:

- The Health Minister has indicated he is serious about preventing Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and has told the House of Commons that his department is working toward a comprehensive strategy for FASD based on proven and established best practices;
- The majority of witnesses appearing have told the Committee that the established targeted programs currently in place would have a much better chance of success than warning labels;
- The implementation of Bill C-206 will cost the federal government significant dollars to implement and maintain. The diversion of these resources to labelling at the expense of targeted programs is not cost effective;
- The implementation of the Bill is likely to raise trade and charter questions which will impose further costs on the government;

Therefore, be it resolved that this Committee, pursuant to Standing Order 97.1, recommends that the House of Commons do not proceed further with Bill C-206, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (warning labels regarding the consumption of alcohol).

Debate arose thereon.

Réal Ménard proposed to move, - That the Committee request that the Government table, by June 2, 2005, a new Bill that reflects Quebec's model for responsible drinking and that, therefore, gives alcoholic beverage manufacturers the choice of either providing funding to an organization that implements alcohol prevention and/or education programs or adding regulatory labels to their products.

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible due to the lack of conformity with Standing Order 97.1.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Colin Carrie, Brenda Chamberlain, Nicole Demers, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage, Robert Thibault — 9; NAYS: Jean Crowder — 1.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Rob Merrifield moved, — That the Committee call on the government to present to the Standing Committee on Health a new strategy for the prevention of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, to be developed by Health Canada and stakeholder groups, by June 2, 2005.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to business related to the motion by Brenda Chamberlain previously adopted during this meeting.

It was agreed, — That the Chair report the recommendation by the Committee that, pursuant to Standing Order 97.1, the House of Commons do not proceed further with Bill C-206, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (warning labels regarding the consumption of alcohol).

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to the consideration of matters related to Committee business and the motion previously moved by Rob Merrifield during this meeting.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 8; NAYS: 2.

At 12:44 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005-04-08 1:29 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 31

Monday, April 11, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, February 14, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-28, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain,
Jean Crowder,
Nicole Demers,
Steven John Fletcher,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Paul Mayers, Acting Director General, Food Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch;
Karen L. Dodds, Executive Director, Pest Management Regulatory Agency;
Trish MacQuarrie, Director, Alternative Strategies and Regulatory Affairs Division, Pest Management Regulatory Agency;
Claudette Dalpé, Associate Director, Food Regulatory Programs and Access to Information, Bureau of Food Regulatory, International and Interagency Affairs, Food Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch.

Canadian Health Coalition:

Michael McBane, National Coordinator.

Canadian Labour Congress:

David Bennett, National Director, Health, Safety and Environment Department.

As Individuals:

Shiv Chopra;
Margaret Haydon;
Gérard Lambert.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 31

Monday, April 11, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met in a televised session at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Paul Mayers, Acting Director General, Food Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch; Karen L. Dodds, Executive Director, Pest Management Regulatory Agency; Trish MacQuarrie, Director, Alternative Strategies and Regulatory Affairs Division, Pest Management Regulatory Agency; Claudette Dalpé, Associate Director, Food Regulatory Programs and Access to Information, Bureau of Food Regulatory, International and Interagency Affairs, Food Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch. *Canadian Health Coalition:* Michael McBane, National Coordinator. *Canadian Labour Congress:* David Bennett, National Director, Health, Safety and Environment Department. *As Individuals:* Shiv Chopra; Margaret Haydon; Gérard Lambert.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, February 14, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-28, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

Paul Mayers, Karen L. Dodds, Michael McBane, David Bennett and Shiv Chopra made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005-04-12 4:04 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 32

Thursday, April 14, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, February 14, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-28, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Jean Crowder,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield
and Michael John Savage.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Animal Health Coalition:

Matt Taylor, Executive Director;
Gordon Dittberner, Director.

CropLife Canada:

Peter MacLeod, Executive Director;
Chris Warfield, Director, Regulatory Affairs for Bayer
CropScience.

Infant Feeding Action Coalition (INFACT Canada):

Elisabeth Sterken, National Director.

Department of Health:

Karen L. Dodds, Executive Director, Pest Management Regulatory
Agency;
Paul Mayers, Acting Director General, Food Directorate, Health
Products and Food Branch;
Claudette Dalpé, Associate Director, Food Regulatory Programs
and Access to Information, Bureau of Food Regulatory,
International and Interagency Affairs, Food Directorate, Health
Products and Food Branch;
Trish MacQuarrie, Director, Alternative Strategies and Regulatory
Affairs Division, Pest Management Regulatory Agency;
Diane Kirkpatrick, Director General, Veterinary Drugs Directorate,
Health Products and Food Branch.

Department of Justice:

Claude Lesage, Senior Counsel, Legal Services, Health.

Karen L. Dodds, Paul Mayers and Diane Kirkpatrick made statements and, with Claude Lesage, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 32

Thursday, April 14, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield and Michael John Savage.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: *Canadian Animal Health Coalition:* Matt Taylor, Executive Director; Gordon Dittberner, Director. *CropLife Canada:* Peter MacLeod, Executive Director; Chris Warfield, Director, Regulatory Affairs for Bayer CropScience. *Infant Feeding Action Coalition:* Elisabeth Sterken, National Director. *Department of Health:* Karen L. Dodds, Executive Director, Pest Management Regulatory Agency; Paul Mayers, Acting Director General, Food Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch; Claudette Dalpé, Associate Director, Food Regulatory Programs and Access to Information, Bureau of Food Regulatory, International and Interagency Affairs, Food Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch; Trish MacQuarrie, Director, Alternative Strategies and Regulatory Affairs Division, Pest Management Regulatory Agency; Diane Kirkpatrick, Director General, Veterinary Drugs Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch. *Department of Justice:* Claude Lesage, Senior Counsel, Legal Services, Health Canada.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Rob Merrifield moved, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, April 7, 2005, this Committee report to the House to call on the government to present a new strategy for the prevention of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder to the Standing Committee on Health, to be developed by Health Canada and stakeholder groups, by June 2, 2005.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on division.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, February 14, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-28, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

Matt Taylor, Gordon Dittberner, Peter MacLeod and Elisabeth Sterken made statements and, with Chris Warfield, answered questions.

At 12:09 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:10 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Karen L. Dodds, Paul Mayers and Diane Kirkpatrick made statements and, with Claude Lesage, answered questions.

On motion of Réal Ménard, it was agreed, — That the Committee would proceed with the clause by clause study of Bill C-28 on Thursday, May 5, 2005; and that the deadline for submission of

amendments to the Bill be set at 5 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2005.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005-04-15 9:22 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 33

Monday, April 18, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2005-2006: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 et 35 under HEALTH, referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown
Colin Carrie
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain
Jean Crowder
Nicole Demers
Ruby Dhalla
Steven John Fletcher
Réal Ménard
Rob Merrifield
Hon. Robert Thibault.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Lloyd St. Amand for Michael John Savage.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canada Health Infoway:

Michael Sheridan, Chief Operating Officer.

Patented Medicine Prices Review Board:

Réal Sureau, Vice Chairperson;

Barbara Ouellet, Executive Director.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 33

Monday, April 18, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met in a televised session at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Lloyd St. Amand for Michael John Savage.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canada Health Infoway: Michael Sheridan, Chief Operating Officer. *Patented Medicine Prices Review Board:* Réal Sureau, Vice Chairperson; Barbara Ouelette, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2005-2006: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 et 35 under HEALTH, referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

Michael Sheridan and Réal Sureau made statements and, with Barbara Ouelette, answered questions.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005-04-19 9:01 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 34

Thursday, April 21, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2005-2006: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 et 35 under HEALTH, referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Jean Crowder,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
James Lunney,
Rob Merrifield,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

France Bonsant for R  al M  nard,
Claude Drouin for Michael John Savage,
and Russ Powers for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;

Sonya Norris, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Minister of Health.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister;

Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy Branch;

Ian Potter, Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit
Health Branch;

Diane Gorman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and
Food Branch;

Chantale Cousineau-Mahoney, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister,
Corporate Services Branch.

Public Health Agency of Canada:

David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 34

Thursday, April 21, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met in a televised session at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: France Bonsant for Réal Ménard, Claude Drouin for Michael John Savage and Russ Powers for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Minister of Health.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister; Ian Shugart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy Branch; Ian Potter, Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch; Diane Gorman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch; Chantale Cousineau-Mahoney, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch. *Public Health Agency of Canada:* David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee resumed consideration of the Main Estimates 2005-2006: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 under HEALTH, referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

The Chair called Vote 1 under HEALTH.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:52 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:54 p.m., the sitting resumed.

By unanimous consent, the Chair called Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 under HEALTH.

Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 under HEALTH carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35, less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, under HEALTH to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Committee meet on Monday, May 16, 2005, in order to hear from more witnesses on Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act, in addition to the ones scheduled on May 2, 3, 9 and 12, 2005, on the same issue.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/22 11:39 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown. Lib.

Meeting No. 35

Monday, May 2, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain,
Jean Crowder,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras for Nicole Demers,
and Gary Goodyear for James Lunney.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Colin Carrie, M.P., Oshawa;
James Lunney, M.P., Nanaimo—Alberni.

Office of Natural Health Products Transition Team:

Ronald Dugas, Member of the Transition Team, Consumer Advocate;
Donna Herringer, Member of the Transition Team;
David Skinner, Member of the Transition Team;
Alicja Wojewnik-Smith, Member of the Transition Team.

Department of Health:

Diane Gorman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch;
Philip Waddington, Director general, Natural Health Products Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Debra Bryanton, Executive Director, Food Safety.

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Lynn Stewart, Director, Cross-sectoral Food Industry Affairs Division.

Buckley and Company Law Office:

Shawn P. Buckley, Lawyer.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 35

Monday, May 2, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Jean Crowder, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Bernard Bigras for Nicole Demers and Gary Goodyear for James Lunney.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: House of Commons: Colin Carrie, M.P., Oshawa; James Lunney, M.P., Nanaimo—Alberni. *Office of Natural Health Products Transition Team:* Ronald Dugas, Member of the Transition Team, Consumer Advocate; Donna Herringer, Member of the Transition Team; David Skinner, Member of the Transition Team; Alicja Wojewnik-Smith, Member of the Transition Team. *Department of Health:* Diane Gorman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch; Philip Waddington, Director general, Natural Health Products Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch. *Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Debra Bryanton, Executive Director, Food Safety. *Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:* Lynn Stewart, Director, Cross-sectoral Food Industry Affairs Division. *Buckley and Company Law Office:* Shawn P. Buckley, Lawyer.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 9, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

Colin Carrie, James Lunney, Ronald Dugas, Donna Herringer, David Skinner, Debra Bryanton, Lynn Stewart, Diane Gorman and Shawn P. Buckley made statements and, with Alicja Wojewnik-Smith and Philip Waddington, answered questions.

At 4:50 o'clock p.m., Réal Ménard took the Chair.

At 5:39 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005-05-04 1:03 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 36

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain,
Jean Crowder,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras for Réal Ménard.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sonya Norris, Analyst;

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Health Food Association:

John Holtmann, Chair of the Board, President, J. Holtmann Holdings Inc.;
Gilles Houde, Vice Chair of the Board, President, GNC Canada;
Valerie Bell, President;
Anne Wilkie, Director, Regulatory Affairs and Quality Assurance.

Canadian Association of Naturopathic Doctors:

Paul Saunders, Naturopathic Doctor, Member of the Government Relations Committee;
Shawn O'Reilly, Executive Director, Government Relations.

Canadian Treatment Action Council:

Tony Di Pede, Treasurer.

Alliance of Natural Health Suppliers:

Peter Helgason, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs.

Canadian Council of Herbalist Associations:

Michael Vertolli, President;
Gillian Leverkus, Vice President.

University of Toronto:

Heather Boon, Assistant Professor, Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy.

As an Individual:

Patrick McDougall.

York University:

Joel Lexchin, Associate Professor.

Biomedica Laboratories Inc.:

Jason Watkin, Chief Executive Officer.

Optimum Health Choices:

John Biggs, Nutritional Consulting Practitioner.

Nu-Life Nutrition Ltd.:

Lionel Pasen, Director, Regulatory Affairs.

Purity Life Health Products Ltd.:
David Chapman, President.

Creative Nutrition Canada Corp.:
David Rowland, Owner.

The Herb Works:
Richard DeSylva, Owner and Operator.

Lionel Pasen, David Chapman, David Rowland and Richard DeSylva made statements and, with John Biggs, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 36

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Vice-Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Bernard Bigras for Réal Ménard.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sonya Norris, Analyst; Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Health Food Association: John Holtmann, Chair of the Board, President, J. Holtmann Holdings Inc.; Gilles Houde, Vice Chair of the Board, President, GNC Canada; Valerie Bell, President; Anne Wilkie, Director, Regulatory Affairs and Quality Assurance. *Canadian Association of Naturopathic Doctors:* Paul Saunders, Naturopathic Doctor, Member of the Government Relations Committee; Shawn O'Reilly, Executive Director, Government Relations. *Canadian Treatment Action Council:* Tony Di Pedé, Treasurer. *Alliance of Natural Health Suppliers:* Peter Helgason, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs. *Canadian Council of Herbalist Associations:* Michael Vertolli, President; Gillian Leverkus, Vice President. *University of Toronto:* Heather Boon, Assistant Professor, Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy. *As an Individual:* Patrick McDougall. *York University:* Joel Lexchin, Associate Professor. *Biomedica Laboratories Inc.:* Jason Watkin, Chief Executive Officer. *Optimum Health Choices:* John Biggs, Nutritional Consulting Practitioner. *Nu-Life Nutrition Ltd.:* Lionel Pasen, Director, Regulatory Affairs. *Purity Life Health Products Ltd.:* David Chapman, President. *Creative Nutrition Canada Corp.:* David Rowland, Owner. *Herb Works:* Richard DeSylva, Owner and Operator.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

Valerie Bell, John Holtmann, Gilles Houde, Paul Saunders, Tony Di Pedé, Peter Helgason and Michael Vertolli made statements and, with Anne Wilkie, answered questions.

At 10:30 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:39 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Bonnie Brown took the Chair.

Heather Boon, Patrick McDougall, Joel Lexchin and Jason Watkin made statements and answered questions.

At 11:47 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:01 p.m., the sitting resumed.

John Biggs made a statement.

At 12:12 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:55 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Lionel Pasen, David Chapman, David Rowland and Richard DeSylva made statements and, with John Biggs, answered questions.

At 1:49 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005-05-05 3:38 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown
Colin Carrie
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain
Nicole Demers
Ruby Dhalla
James Lunney
Hon. Robert Thibault.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras for Réal Ménard.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Homeopathic Pharmaceutical Association:

Yvan Bourgault, President.

Canadian Natural Products Association:

André Gagnon, President

Pierre Morin, Consultant.

Canadian Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association:

Carl Carter, Vice-President, Government Relations and Regulatory Affairs

Kathleen Ljubisic, Manager, Regulatory Affairs.

NDMAC:

David Skinner, President.

Direct Sellers Association of Canada:

Ross Creber, President

Wendy Hulton, Legal Counsel.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, James Lunney and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Bernard Bigras for Réal Ménard.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Homeopathic Pharmaceutical Association: Yvan Bourgault, President. *Canadian Natural Products Association:* André Gagnon, President; Pierre Morin, Consultant. *Canadian Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association:* Carl Carter, Vice-President, Government Relations and Regulatory Affairs; Kathleen Ljubisic, Manager, Regulatory Affairs. *NDMAC:* David Skinner, President. *Direct Sellers Association of Canada:* Ross Creber, President; Wendy Hulton, Legal Counsel.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

Yvan Bourgault, Pierre Morin, Carl Carter, David Skinner and Ross Creber made statements and, with André Gagnon and Wendy Hulton, answered questions.

On motion of Ruby Dhalla, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 39,175.00, for the study of Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act, be adopted.

At 5:16 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005-05-05 3:34 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 38

Thursday, May 5, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on the membership and terms of reference of the Trans Fat Task Force.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain,
Jean Crowder,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield
and Michael John Savage.

OTHER MEMBER PRESENT:

Pat Martin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Philip Waddington, Director general, Natural Health Products
Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch;
Mary L'Abbé, Co-Chair, Trans Fat Task Force and Director,
Bureau of Nutritional Sciences, Food Directorate, Health Products
and Food Branch;
Paul Mayers, Acting Director General, Food Directorate, Health
Products and Food Branch.

Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada:

Sally Brown, Chief Executive Officer.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 38

Thursday, May 5, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield and Michael John Savage.

Other Members present: Pat Martin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Philip Waddington, Director general, Natural Health Products Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch; Mary L'Abbé, Co-Chair, Trans Fat Task Force and Director, Bureau of Nutritional Sciences, Food Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch; Paul Mayers, Acting Director General, Food Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch. *Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada:* Sally Brown, Chief Executive Officer.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

Philip Waddington made a statement and answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on the membership and terms of reference of the Trans Fat Task Force.

Sally Brown and Paul Mayers made statements and, with Mary L'Abbé, answered questions.

At 12:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/06 12:41 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown. Lib.

Meeting No. 39

Monday, May 9, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain,
Jean Crowder,
Steven John Fletcher,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras for Nicole Demers.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Alliance of Health Retailers:

Croft Woodruff, Vice President Retail, Past president of the
Canadian Health Food Association;
Nicholas Morcinek, Manufacturer, President of Faunus.

Canadian Coalition for Health Freedom:

Libby Gardon, President;
Phil Anderson, Director;
Esther Côté.

Friends of Freedom Inc.:

Diane Miller, Council Member and international lawyer;
Chris Gupta, Council Member and consumer rights advocate.

Tucks Professional Services Canada:

Fred Bergman, President, Ecomax Nutrition Inc.;
P. Scott Polisky, Solicitor, Regulatory Affairs, Jarrow Formulas.

Live Longer Educational Foundation:

David Rowland, Vice President.

Canadian Grassroots:

Trueman Tuck, Consumer rights advocate.

BIE:

Richard Beemer, President.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 39

Monday, May 9, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Jean Crowder, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Bernard Bigras for Nicole Demers.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Alliance of Health Retailers: Croft Woodruff, Vice President Retail, Past president of the Canadian Health Food Association; Nicholas Morcinek, Manufacturer, President of Faunus. *Canadian Coalition for Health Freedom:* Libby Gardon, President; Phil Anderson, Director; Esther Côté. *Friends of Freedom:* Diane Miller, Council Member and international lawyer; Chris Gupta, Council Member and consumer rights advocate. *Tucks Professional Services Canada:* Fred Bergman, President, Ecomax Nutrition Inc.; P. Scott Polisky, Solicitor, Regulatory Affairs, Jarrow Formulas. *Live Longer Educational Foundation:* David Rowland, Vice President. *Canadian Grassroots:* Trueman Tuck, Consumer rights advocate. *BIE:* Richard Beemer, President.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to the clause by clause consideration of Bill C-28 at the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2005.

It was agreed, — That no further witnesses be invited to appear before the Committee on Bill C-420, except for those previously confirmed to appear on May 12 and 16, 2005; and that clause by clause consideration of the Bill take place on Tuesday, May 17, 2005.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005-05-18 12:19 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 40

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on the Assisted Human Reproduction Implementation Office.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, February 14, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-28, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Brenda Chamberlain,
Jean Crowder,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Gary Goodyear for James Lunney.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

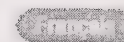
Department of Health:

Caroline Weber, Director General, Policy, Planning and Priorities Directorate, Health Policy Branch;
Bill Maga, Director, Assisted Human Reproduction Implementation Office, Health Policy Branch;
Francine Manseau, Manager, Policy Development Group, Assisted Human Reproduction Implementation Office, Health Policy Branch;
Rodney Ghali, Senior Policy Advisor, Assisted Human Reproduction Implementation Office, Health Policy Branch;
Karen L. Dodds, Executive Director, Pest Management Regulatory Agency;
Paul Mayers, Acting Director General, Food Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch;
Claudette Dalpé, Associate Director, Food Regulatory Programs and Access to Information, Bureau of Food Regulatory, International and Interagency Affairs, Food Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch;
Trish MacQuarrie, Director, Alternative Strategies and Regulatory Affairs Division, Pest Management Regulatory Agency.

Department of Justice:

Claude Lesage, Senior Counsel, Legal Services, Health Canada.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 40

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:22 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Gary Goodyear for James Lunney.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Caroline Weber, Director General, Policy, Planning and Priorities Directorate, Health Policy Branch; Bill Maga, Director, Assisted Human Reproduction Implementation Office, Health Policy Branch; Francine Manseau, Manager, Policy Development Group, Assisted Human Reproduction Implementation Office, Health Policy Branch; Rodney Ghali, Senior Policy Advisor, Assisted Human Reproduction Implementation Office, Health Policy Branch; Karen L. Dodds, Executive Director, Pest Management Regulatory Agency; Paul Mayers, Acting Director General, Food Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch; Claudette Dalpé, Associate Director, Food Regulatory Programs and Access to Information, Bureau of Food Regulatory, International and Interagency Affairs, Food Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch; Trish MacQuarrie, Director, Alternative Strategies and Regulatory Affairs Division, Pest Management Regulatory Agency. *Department of Justice:* Claude Lesage, Senior Counsel, Legal Services, Health Canada.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on the Assisted Human Reproduction Implementation Office.

Caroline Weber made a statement and, with Bill Maga, Francine Manseau and Rodney Ghali, answered questions.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, February 14, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-28, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

Clause 1 carried on division.

Clauses 2 to 6 inclusive carried on division severally.

The Title carried.

The question: "Shall the Bill carry?" was put and was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Colin Carrie, Brenda Chamberlain, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, Gary Goodyear, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage, Robert Thibault — 8; NAYS: Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Réal Ménard — 3.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill, without amendment, to the House.

At 12:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/11 11:54 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 41

Thursday, May 12, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown
Jean Crowder
Ruby Dhalla
Michael John Savage
Hon. Robert Thibault.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Abram Hoffer, Doctor

Andrew Saul, Contributing Editor, Journal of Orthomolecular
Medicine.

Friends of Freedom International:

Carolyn Dean, President.

Health Action Network Society:

Bayne Boyes, President;

Lorna Hancock, Executive Director.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 41

Thursday, May 12, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:50 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Jean Crowder, Ruby Dhalla, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an Individual: Abram Hoffer, Doctor. *Friends of Freedom International:* Carolyn Dean, President. *As an Individual:* Andrew Saul, Contributing Editor, Journal of Orthomolecular Medicine. *Health Action Network Society:* Bayne Boyes, President; Lorna Hancock, Executive Director.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005-05-12 3:08 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 42

Monday, May 16, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown
Colin Carrie
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain
Jean Crowder
Nicole Demers
Ruby Dhalla
Steven John Fletcher
James Lunney,
Rob Merrifield
Hon. Robert Thibault.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras for R  al M  nard.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Truehope Nutritional Support Ltd.:

Anthony Stephan, Cofounder.

Synergy Group of Canada:

David Hardy, Cofounder.

As an Individual:

Debra Oxby.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 42

Monday, May 16, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Bernard Bigras for Réal Ménard.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Truehope Nutritional Support Ltd.: Anthony Stephan, Cofounder. *Synergy Group of Canada:* David Hardy, Cofounder. *As an Individual:* Debra Oxby.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee examine the certificate of nomination of Alan Bernstein to the position of President of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, as referred to the Committee on Friday, April 22, 2005; and that this meeting with Dr. Bernstein be added to the agenda for the meeting to take place on Thursday, May 19, 2005.

At 5:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005-05-17 3:20 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 43

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain,
Jean Crowder,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Stevén John Fletcher,
James Lunney,
Rob Merrifield,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras for Réal Ménard,
Raymond Bonin for Ruby Dhalla,
and Bradley R. Trost for Steven John Fletcher.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst;
Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Diane Gorman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch;
Philip Waddington, Director general, Natural Health Products Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch.

House of Commons:

Colin Carrie, M.P., Oshawa;
James Lunney, M.P., Nanaimo—Alberni.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 43

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Bernard Bigras for Réal Ménard, Raymond Bonin for Ruby Dhalla and Bradley R. Trost for Steven John Fletcher.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst; Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Diane Gorman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch; Philip Waddington, Director general, Natural Health Products Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch. *House of Commons:* Colin Carrie, M.P., Oshawa; James Lunney, M.P., Nanaimo—Alberni.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Robert Thibault moved, — Whereas:

The current regulatory regime for Natural Health Products was created in accordance with the recommendations of the 1998 report, Natural Health Products - A New Vision, of the Standing Committee on Health;

The Health Minister has indicated his opposition to the passage of Bill C-420;

The Committee heard convincing, science-based testimony from witnesses who have indicated their support for the current Natural Health Product Regulations. It is clear, based on the evidence, that regulating natural health products as foods would have a detrimental impact on consumers;

The Regulations ensure safety through an appropriate level of oversight, permit a full range of evidence-based health claims, and ensure high quality through outcome-based good manufacturing practices;

The Natural Health Product Regulations ensure increased access to safe, effective and high quality natural health products;

The Regulations reflect the desire of Canadians to develop a regulatory framework appropriate to address the risks associated with natural health products;

The implementation of Bill C-420 would cost the federal government significant dollars to create a new regulatory framework;

Health Canada is taking action to modernize Section 3 and Schedule A of the Food and Drugs Act to reflect scientific and medical advances and to ensure that Canadians have access to reliable product information to make informed decisions about their health.

Specifically:

Health Canada is convening a Scientific Advisory Panel in June 2005 to review and update the diseases and conditions listed on Schedule A in order to reflect current scientific understanding. The Panel will ensure that Schedule A can keep pace with evolving scientific knowledge by defining criteria for making additions and deletions to the list with greater transparency and consistency.

Health Canada intends to permit evidence-based risk reduction and symptomatic treatment claims for Schedule A diseases and conditions through an amendment to the Food and Drug Regulations. This will ensure consumers' access to information regarding preventing or reducing the risk of developing certain diseases, but would still lead consumers to seek professional advice for treating serious diseases. Canadians will be consulted on this proposed amendment by November 2005.

Therefore, be it resolved that this Committee, pursuant to Standing Order 97.1, recommends that the House of Commons do not proceed further with Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (definitions of "food" and "drug").

At 12:37, the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

At 12:56, the Committee resumed sitting in public.

After debate, by unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

It was agreed, — That the Committee requests a thirty-day extension to consider Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act, beyond the sixty days from the date of the Bill's referral to the Committee, as provided in Standing Order 97.1; and that the continued study, clause by clause consideration and reporting of the Bill be completed by the end of the extension period.

At 12:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005-05-19 3:37 p.m.

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38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 44

Thursday, May 19, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on the circumstances around the firing of three Health Canada researchers.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee commenced consideration of the certificate of nomination of Alan Bernstein to the position of President of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research which was referred to the Committee on Friday, April 22, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain,
Jean Crowder,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carol Skelton for Steven John Fletcher.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Shiv Chopra;
Margaret Haydon;
Gérard Lambert;
Alan Bernstein.

Shiv Chopra made a statement and, with Margaret Haydon and Gérard Lambert, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 44

Thursday, May 19, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Carol Skelton for Steven John Fletcher.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: As Individuals: Shiv Chopra; Margaret Haydon; Gérard Lambert; Alan Bernstein.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Réal Ménard moved, — That the Standing Committee on Health recommends:

That Health Canada, together with the RCMP and the agencies responsible for enforcing the Acts concerned, initiate a campaign to ensure the compliance of the Tobacco Act and the Excise Act, 2001. The campaign must be carried out in Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver, Halifax, Akwesasne and Kanasatake from May to September 2005. Health Canada must report back to the federal Minister of Health by September 30, 2005, and the federal Minister of Health must table a progress report to the Standing Committee on Health by October 30.

That the federal Minister of Health and the public safety minister report to the House annually, on the status of cigarette smuggling in Canada.

That Health Canada, in conjunction with the Department of Finance, estimate the turning point for the tax rate on tobacco, with the double goal of combating tobacco use and increasing tax revenues. That this study be tabled jointly before the Standing Committee on Health and the Standing Committee on Finance by October 30, 2005.

And that the Committee report and make recommendations to the House of Commons.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 10; NAYS: 1.

Nicole Demers moved, — That the Standing Committee on Health call for production of the papers and the minutes of proceeding from the meeting held March 22-23, 2005, between the Scientific Advisory Panel and Health Canada to discuss the review of six licensing applications for silicone gel-filled breast implants submitted by two manufacturers, Inamed Corporation and Mentor Corporation.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on the circumstances around the firing of three Health Canada researchers.

Shiv Chopra made a statement and, with Margaret Haydon and Gérard Lambert, answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee commenced consideration of the certificate of nomination of Alan Bernstein to the position of President of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research which was referred to the Committee on Friday, April 22, 2005.

Alan Bernstein made a statement and answered questions.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 111(2), the Committee has examined the qualifications and competence of Dr. Alan Bernstein to the position as President of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, as tabled in the House of Commons and referred to the Committee on Friday, April 22, 2005, and finds him competent to perform the duties to the position to which he has been nominated.

At 1:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/24 9:42 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown. Lib.

Meeting No. 45

Thursday, June 2, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 3, 2005, the Committee resumed its study on Internet Pharmacies.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee resumed its study on silicone gel-filled breast implants.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, April 7, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of a new government strategy for the prevention of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain,
Jean Crowder,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Szabo.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Public Health Agency of Canada:

David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer;
Kelly Stone, Director, Childhood and Adolescence Division,
Centre for Healthy Human Development.

Department of Health:

Kathy Langlois, Director General, Community Programs
Directorate, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch;
Beth Pieterston, Director General, Drug Strategy and Controlled
Substances Programme, Healthy Environments and Consumer
Safety Branch.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 45

Thursday, June 2, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Associate Members present: Paul Szabo.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Public Health Agency of Canada: David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer; Kelly Stone, Director, Childhood and Adolescence Division, Centre for Healthy Human Development.

Department of Health: Kathy Langlois, Director General, Community Programs Directorate, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch; Beth Pieterston, Director General, Drug Strategy and Controlled Substances Programme, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 3, 2005, the Committee resumed its study on Internet Pharmacies.

Réal Ménard moved, — Whereas the United States Congress is considering the adoption of bills permitting the import of prescription drugs from Canada.

Whereas Americans in 2004 imported US\$700 million in prescription drugs from Canada.

Whereas the Standing Committee on Health feels that the imminent adoption of these bills constitutes a threat to the integrity of our health systems and could deprive patients of the availability of low-cost prescription drugs.

Whereas the Standing Committee on Health is urging the Minister of Health to demonstrate vigilance in this matter.

Therefore be it resolved, that the Standing Committee on Health, before any other business, invite the Minister of Health to come and explain the measures that he must take to ensure that the reserves of prescription drugs and prescription drug price controls are protected for patients.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Rob Merrifield moved, — Whereas, the U.S. Congress might adopt legislation within weeks to legalize bulk imports of prescription drugs from Canada;

Therefore, be it resolved that this Committee urges the government to immediately ban bulk exports of prescription drugs, with the exception of those produced in Canada for export, and that this recommendation be reported to the House.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee resumed its study on silicone gel-filled breast implants.

Nicole Demers moved, — That the Standing Committee on Health requests the production of all studies on breast prostheses in the last ten years including the breast implant cohort study, and recommends that the Minister of Health refrain from issuing licences until the Committee has examined the issue.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 11:47 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:54 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, April 7, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of a new government strategy for the prevention of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

David Butler-Jones made a statement and, with Kathy Langlois and Beth Pieterston, answered questions.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/07 9:44 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 46

Monday, June 13, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 3, 2005, the Committee resumed its study on Internet Pharmacies.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motions adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, February 21 and Monday, June 13, 2005, the Committee commenced its study of external performance audits on health-related government foundations.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colin Carrie,
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wajid Khan for Bonnie Brown,
and Pat Martin for Jean Crowder.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Minister of Health.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Ian Shugart, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy
Branch;
Diane Gorman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and
Food Branch.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 46

Monday, June 13, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Vice-Chair, Rob Merrifield, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colin Carrie, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Wajid Khan for Bonnie Brown and Pat Martin for Jean Crowder.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Ujjal Dosanjh, Minister of Health.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Ian Shugart, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy Branch; Diane Gorman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 3, 2005, the Committee resumed its study on Internet Pharmacies (including the drug review process and other related matters).

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motions adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, February 21 and Monday, June 13, 2005, the Committee commenced its study of external performance audits on health-related government foundations.

Steven John Fletcher moved, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 21, 2005, this Committee recommends that the federal government appoint the Auditor General to provide external performance audits on health-related government foundations such as Canada Health Infoway, Canadian Health Services Research Foundation, Genome Canada, and the Canadian Foundation for Innovation, and that this recommendation be reported to the House.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 5.

At 5:09 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/14 2:27 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Meeting No. 47

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, October 4, 2005, the Committee commenced its study of the Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee resumed its study on silicone gel-filled breast implants.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown
Colin Carrie
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain
Jean Crowder
Nicole Demers
Ruby Dhalla
Steven John Fletcher
James Lunney
Rob Merrifield
Michael John Savage
Hon. Robert Thibault

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Ruby Dhalla
Marcel Gagnon for Réal Ménard
Mark Warawa for Steven John Fletcher

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:
Omer Boudreau, Director General, Therapeutic Products
Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch;
Philip Waddington, Director general, Natural Health Products
Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 47

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell for Ruby Dhalla, Marcel Gagnon for Réal Ménard and Mark Warawa for Steven John Fletcher.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Omer Boudreau, Director General, Therapeutic Products Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch; Philip Waddington, Director general, Natural Health Products Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, October 4, 2005, the Committee commenced its study of the Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control.

Steven John Fletcher moved, — That the Standing Committee on Health, in recognition of the recommendations of major cancer groups in Canada and the motion passed by the House of Commons on June 7th, 2005, urge the government to implement and financially support the Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control.

Debate arose thereon.

Robert Thibault proposed to move — That the motion be amended by replacing the word “Control.” with the words “Control; and that the Chair of the Standing Committee on Health write a letter to the Chair of the Standing Committee on Finance outlining the importance of the strategy to the Standing Committee on Health, its value to the health of Canadians, and to urge that the Finance Committee take this into consideration during pre-budget consultation that are currently ongoing.”.

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible as it introduced a new proposition that should be moved as a substantive motion, as provided on page 453 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Marcel Gagnon moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words “implement and financially support” with the words “give financial support to the provinces for the implementation of”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Marcel Gagnon and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 2; NAYS: 9.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 9; NAYS: 2.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

James Lunney moved, — That the Standing Committee on Health have officials from Health Canada and the Canadian Institutes for Health Research appear before it to explain the process and justification for contracts granted to the Earncliffe Group for services rendered.

After debate, by unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee resumed its study on silicone gel-filled breast implants.

Jean Crowder moved, — Whereas, the Expert Advisory Panel on Silicone Breast Implants heard three days of testimony from two manufacturers of implants, and;

Whereas, the Expert Advisory Panel heard only two and a half hours of testimony divided between forty witnesses during the public forum;

Be it resolved that the Standing Committee on Health study the issue of silicone breast implants and invite members of the public who appeared at the public forum to give a more detailed account of their evidence.

Debate arose thereon.

It was agreed, — That consideration of the motion be postponed until the next scheduled meeting of the Committee on Thursday, October 6, 2005.

Jean Crowder moved, — That, in light of the established conflicts of interest of certain members of the Scientific Advisory Panel who have worked directly and have been paid to promote silicone implants, by either of the two private sector implant manufacturers during US Food and Drug Administration hearings on the safety of silicone implants, the Standing Committee on Health urge the Minister of Health to immediately remove these persons from their position on the Panel.

Debate arose thereon.

It was agreed, — That consideration of the motion be postponed until the next scheduled meeting of the Committee on Thursday, October 6, 2005.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 11:12 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/11 3:39 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 48

Thursday, October 6, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Jean Crowder,
Nicole Demers,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Lloyd St. Amand for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 48

Thursday, October 6, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Jean Crowder, Nicole Demers, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Lloyd St. Amand for Hon. Brenda Chamberlain.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Réal Ménard moved, — That the Standing Committee on Health call the Health Canada officials responsible for public consultations on Internet pharmacies and drug sales to the United States as witnesses. The purpose of their appearance is to understand the various responses proposed by Health Canada. The appearance should take place before the last day of October.

After debate, by unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

Réal Ménard moved, — That the Standing Committee on Health have the officials responsible for Canada's National AIDS Strategy appear before it. The purpose of their appearance would be to explain:

(1) the allocation of the additional sums of money budgeted for the Strategy, which are going to double over the next five years;

(2) the allegations by community groups that a significant number of officials may have been hired to manage the Strategy.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 11; NAYS: 0.

Nicole Demers moved, — That, further to the letter from Ms. Diane Gorman, Assistant Deputy Minister, indicating that no report was filed after the meeting of March 22 and 23, 2005, the Standing Committee on Health ask the Advisory Panel, including Dr. George Wells, to provide a transcript of the meeting and any other background material that may have been sent to Health Canada, and not a report on this meeting between the Scientific Advisory Panel and Health Canada, with respect to the review of the six license applications for silicone gel breast implants submitted by two manufacturers, Inamed Corporation and Mentor Corporation.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Robert Thibault moved, — That the Chair of the Standing Committee on Health write a letter to the Chair of the Standing Committee on Finance and urge the Finance Committee to take the funding of a pan-Canadian strategy on cancer and chronic disease into consideration during the budget consultations that are currently ongoing.

Debate arose thereon.

Réal Ménard moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words “funding of a pan-Canadian

strategy on cancer and chronic diseases into consideration during the budget consultations that are currently ongoing.” with the words “question of the financing of a strategy on combatting cancer and chronic diseases by the federal and provincial governments into consideration during the current budget consultations. ”.

Debate arose thereon.

Steven John Fletcher moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words “pan-Canadian strategy on cancer and chronic disease” with the words “Canadian Strategy on Cancer Control” and by adding at the end of the motion the following: “; and that the Finance Committee also take into consideration a chronic disease strategy during those consultations.”.

Debate arose thereon.

It was agreed, — That consideration of the motion be postponed until later in the meeting.

James Lunney moved, — That the Standing Committee on Health have officials from Health Canada and the Canadian Institutes for Health Research appear before it to explain the process and justification for contracts granted to the Earncliffe Group for services rendered.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

Colin Carrie moved, — That the Standing Committee on Health delay until November 22, 2005, the clause by clause consideration of Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

It was agreed, — That the text of the motion proposed earlier in the meeting by Robert Thibault, as well as the text of the amendments to the motion by Réal Ménard and Steven Fletcher, be distributed by the Clerk to members of the Committee for further consideration at the next meeting of the Committee.

By unanimous consent, the Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Jean Crowder, — That, whereas, the Expert Advisory Panel on Silicone Breast Implants heard three days of testimony from two manufacturers of implants, and;

Whereas, the Expert Advisory Panel heard only two and a half hours of testimony divided between forty witnesses during the public forum;

Be it resolved that the Standing Committee on Health study the issue of silicone breast implants and invite members of the public who appeared at the public forum to give a more detailed account of their evidence.

After debate, by unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

By unanimous consent, the Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Jean Crowder, — That, in light of the established conflicts of interest of certain members of the Scientific Advisory Panel who have worked directly and have been paid to promote silicone implants, by either of the two private sector implant manufacturers during US Food and Drug Administration hearings on the safety of silicone implants, the Standing Committee on Health urge the Minister of Health to immediately remove these persons from their position on the Panel.

The debate continued.

At 10:26 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:31 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Rob Merrifield moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words “immediately remove these persons from their position on the Panel.” with the words “temporarily stay this panel and its proceedings, to

not make a decision or proceed, until such time as the Minister has appeared before the Committee to address this issue.”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Rob Merrifield and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

It was agreed, — That the clause by clause consideration of Bill C-420 be the first item of business at the next meeting of the Committee.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/07 5:01 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 49

Thursday, October 20, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, October 4, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of the Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee resumed its study on silicone gel-filled breast implants.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 49

Thursday, October 20, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:11 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Jean Crowder, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Nicole Demers for Marcel Gagnon.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Marc Toupin, Procedural Clerk.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Rob Merrifield, it was agreed, — That Bonnie Brown be elected Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Michael John Savage, it was agreed, — That Rob Merrifield be elected as first Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Nicole Demers, it was agreed, — That Réal Ménard be elected as second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

Robert Thibault moved, — Whereas Health Canada is taking action to modernize Section 3 and Schedule A of the Food and Drugs Act to reflect scientific and medical advances and to ensure that Canadians have access to reliable product information to make informed decisions about their health. Specifically:

— Health Canada convened a Scientific Advisory Panel in September 2005 to review and update the diseases and conditions listed on Schedule A in order to reflect current scientific understanding, and to consider options for achieving the objectives of Section 3 and Schedule A in general while keeping pace with evolving scientific knowledge. The Panel is expected to report to Health Canada in October 2005.

— Health Canada intends to proceed with regulatory amendments in order to modernize how it achieves the objectives of Section 3 and Schedule A of the Food and Drugs Act while supporting Canadians' ability to make healthy choices and informed decisions about their health with trustworthy product information.

- The current regulatory regime for Natural Health Products was created in accordance with the

recommendations of the 1998 report, Natural Health Products - A New Vision, of the Standing Committee on Health;

- The Committee heard convincing, science-based testimony from witnesses who have indicated their support for the current Natural Health Product Regulations. It is clear, based on the evidence, that regulating natural health products as foods would have a detrimental impact on consumers because, with very few exceptions, foods are not subject to pre-market review and food labels do not provide treatment, dosage, or warning information;
- The Regulations ensure safety through an appropriate level of oversight, permit a full range of evidence-based health claims, and ensure high quality through outcome-based good manufacturing practices;
- The Regulations were developed following extensive consultations and, thus, reflect the desire of Canadians for a regulatory framework appropriate to the level of risk associated with natural health products.

Therefore, be it resolved that this Committee, pursuant to Standing Order 97.1, recommends that the House of Commons do not proceed further with Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (definitions of “food” and “drug”).

Debate arose thereon.

Rob Merrifield moved, — That the Committee suspend consideration of the motion proposed by Mr. Thibault and the clause-by-clause study of Bill C-420, until November 22, 2005.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, October 4, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of the Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Robert Thibault, — That the Chair of the Standing Committee on Health write a letter to the Chair of the Standing Committee on Finance and urge the Finance Committee to take the funding of a pan-Canadian strategy on cancer and chronic disease into consideration during the budget consultations that are currently ongoing.

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee resumed its study on silicone gel-filled breast implants.

Jean Crowder moved, — Whereas, the Expert Advisory Panel on Silicone Breast Implants heard three days of testimony from two manufacturers of implants, and;

Whereas, the Expert Advisory Panel heard only two and a half hours of testimony divided between forty witnesses during the public forum;

Be it resolved that the Standing Committee on Health ask the Minister of Health to delay making a decision on approving silicone breast implants for sale in Canada until the Committee has completed a review of the pertinent information on this issue.

As part of this review, the Minister should make available to the Committee all pertinent information, including the minutes from the scientific advisory panel, the report of the public forum, results from the 1996 cohort study, and any other studies on breast implants or their health effects commissioned by Health Canada.

Debate arose thereon.

It was agreed, — That consideration of the motion be postponed until such time as officials from Health Canada have appeared before the Committee on October 27, 2005.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Health urge the Minister responsible for the Public Health Agency of Canada, relevant officials and representatives from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, to provide an update on the avian flu action plan.

At 10:23 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/27 12:28 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 50

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, October 6, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of the Canadian Strategy on HIV/AIDS.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Jean Crowder,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
Marcel Gagnon,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield
and Michael John Savage.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Public Health Agency of Canada:

Frank Plummer, Director General, Centre for Infectious Disease Prevention and Control;

Steven Sternthal, Acting Director, HIV/AIDS Policy, Coordination and Programs Division.

Department of Health:

Daniel Tardif, Director, Communicable Disease Control Division, Primary Health Care and Public Health Directorate, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.

Frank Plummer made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 50

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Jean Crowder, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, Marcel Gagnon, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield and Michael John Savage.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Public Health Agency of Canada: Frank Plummer, Director General, Centre for Infectious Disease Prevention and Control; Steven Sternthal, Acting Director, HIV/AIDS Policy, Coordination and Programs Division. *Department of Health:* Daniel Tardif, Director, Communicable Disease Control Division, Primary Health Care and Public Health Directorate, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, October 6, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of the Canadian Strategy on HIV/AIDS.

Frank Plummer made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:46 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/02 3:47 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 51

Thursday, October 27, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee resumed its study on silicone gel-filled breast implants.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain,
Jean Crowder,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
James Lunney,
Rob Merrifield
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nicole Demers for Marcel Gagnon,
John Maloney for Michael John Savage,
and Mark Warawa for Colin Carrie.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Diane Gorman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch;
Susan Gardner-Barclay, Director General, Office of Consumer and Public Involvement, Health Products and Food Branch;
Siddika Mithani, Formerly Associate Director General, Therapeutic Products Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch and Director General Veterinary Drugs Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch).

Public Health Agency of Canada:

Vivian Ellis, Senior Policy Advisor and Acting Manager, Integrated Chronic Disease Policy, Centre for Chronic Disease Prevention and Control.

Diane Gorman made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 51

Thursday, October 27, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Jean Crowder, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Rob Merrifield and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Nicole Demers for Marcel Gagnon, John Maloney for Michael John Savage and Mark Warawa for Colin Carrie.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Diane Gorman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch; Susan Gardner-Barclay, Director General, Office of Consumer and Public Involvement, Health Products and Food Branch; Siddika Mithani, Formerly Associate Director General, Therapeutic Products Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch and Director General Veterinary Drugs Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch). *Public Health Agency of Canada:* Vivian Ellis, Senior Policy Advisor and Acting Manager, Integrated Chronic Disease Policy, Centre for Chronic Disease Prevention and Control.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee resumed its study on silicone gel-filled breast implants.

Diane Gorman made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/27 3:23 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 52

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee resumed its study on tobacco issues related to compliance with the Tobacco Act, cigarette smuggling and combating tobacco use.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee resumed its study on silicone gel-filled breast implants.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown
Colin Carrie
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain
Ruby Dhalla
Steven John Fletcher
James Lunney
Réal Ménard
Rob Merrifield
Michael John Savage
Hon. Robert Thibault

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Nicole Demers for Marcel Gagnon

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst

Sonya Norris, Analyst

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 52

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met at 3:43 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Nicole Demers for Marcel Gagnon.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee resumed its study on tobacco issues related to compliance with the Tobacco Act, cigarette smuggling and combating tobacco use.

It was agreed, — That the Committee invite officials from the RCMP, Health Canada, the Department of Finance, the Canadian Revenue Agency and the Canadian Border Services Agency, to appear on either Wednesday, November 16 or on November 23, 2005, in order to brief members on the issues of compliance with the Tobacco Act and the 2001 Excise Act, cigarette smuggling and tobacco use; and that Members of the Standing Committees on Justice and Finance, also be invited to attend the meeting.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee resumed its study on silicone gel-filled breast implants.

It was agreed, — That the Chair write a letter to the Minister of Health indicating that a motion was adopted in Committee on Thursday, October 6, 2005, urging him to temporarily stay the Scientific Advisory Panel on Breast Implants and its proceedings, to not make a decision or proceed until such time as the Minister has appeared before the Committee to address this issue.

Rob Merrifield moved, — That the Chair report to the House of Commons the intent of the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, October 6, 2005, on the issue of Breast Implants, urging the Minister of Health to temporarily stay the Scientific Advisory Panel and its proceedings, to not make a decision or proceed until such time as he has met with the Committee; and that concurrence in the report be sought by unanimous consent.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

On motion of Rob Merrifield, it was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to sit *in camera*.

At 4:30 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:38 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed , — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee undertake a study on Prescription Drugs and that the following terms of reference be adopted:

- consult, analyse and recommend with respect to the overall system regarding prescription drug research and development, drug approvals, drug licensing, drug marketing (including prices), and drug surveillance;
- review the progress of the Common Drug Review process and its capacity for providing access to safe, effective, quality prescription drugs;
- consider mechanisms to ensure public input and access to information about the history of any drug's approval, its safety and efficacy in the marketplace; and its post-market surveillance;
- examine relevant international experiences such as the United Kingdom system of patient and public involvement through the National Patient Safety Agency and the Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health, the European Medicines Agency efforts at public consultation and the United States Food and Drug Administration's operation of MedWatch and consumer complaints coordination.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/07 1:41 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown. Lib.

Meeting No. 53

Thursday, November 3, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 20, 2005, the Committee commenced its study of the avian flu.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain,
Jean Crowder,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nicole Demers for Marcel Gagnon,
Gerry Ritz for James Lunney,
and Carol Skelton for Colin Carrie.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;

Sonya Norris, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Minister of State (Public Health).

WITNESSES:

Public Health Agency of Canada:

David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Brian Evans, Chief Veterinary Officer of Canada;

Krista L. Mountjoy, Vice-President, Operations.

Hoffmann-La Roche Limited:

Paul Brown, Vice-President, Sales and Marketing;

Ilona Torontali, Vice-President, Public Affairs, Corporation

Communications, Market Access, Health Outcomes and Pricing.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 53

Thursday, November 3, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met in a televised session at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Jean Crowder, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Nicole Demers for Marcel Gagnon, Gerry Ritz for James Lunney and Carol Skelton for Colin Carrie.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Minister of State (Public Health).

Witnesses: Public Health Agency of Canada: David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Health Officer.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Brian Evans, Chief Veterinary Officer of Canada; Krista L.

Mountjoy, Vice-President, Operations. *Hoffmann-La Roche Limited:* Paul Brown, Vice-President, Sales and Marketing; Ilona Torontali, Vice-President, Public Affairs, Corporation Communications, Market Access, Health Outcomes and Pricing.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 20, 2005, the Committee commenced its study of the avian flu.

The Minister, Brian Evans, David Butler-Jones and Paul Brown made statements and answered questions.

At 10:46 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:51 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 11:43 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Bonnie Brown. Lib.

Meeting No. 54

Thursday, November 17, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, November 2, 2005, the Committee commenced its study on Prescription Drugs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee resumed its study on silicone gel-filled breast implants.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the status of the regulations for the Assisted Human Reproduction Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Jean Crowder,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
Marcel Gagnon,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nicole Demers for Marcel Gagnon.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;

Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Bill Maga, Director, Assisted Human Reproduction
Implementation Office, Health Policy Branch;

Francine Manseau, Manager, Policy Development Group, Assisted
Human Reproduction Implementation Office, Health Policy
Branch.

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Meeting No. 54

Thursday, November 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:09 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Jean Crowder, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, Marcel Gagnon, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Nicole Demers for Marcel Gagnon.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Bill Maga, Director, Assisted Human Reproduction Implementation Office, Health Policy Branch; Francine Manseau, Manager, Policy Development Group, Assisted Human Reproduction Implementation Office, Health Policy Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, November 2, 2005, the Committee commenced its study on Prescription Drugs.

On motion of Colin Carrie, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 39,900.00, for the study on Prescription Drugs, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Committee not travel at the present time, as part of its study on Prescription Drugs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee resumed its study on silicone gel-filled breast implants.

It was agreed, — That the Chair write a letter to the Minister of Health requesting that he urgently provide the Committee with examples of the confidentiality agreement and the conflict of interest documents presented to members of the Scientific Advisory Panel and the Expert Advisory Panel on breast implants, for their consideration and signature.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the status of the regulations for the Assisted Human Reproduction Act.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/18 6:47 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 55

Tuesday, November 22, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on Natural Health Products.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Hon. Brenda Chamberlain,
Jean Crowder,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
Marcel Gagnon,
James Lunney,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Health:

Philip Waddington, Director general, Natural Health Products
Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch.

Justice Canada:

Simon Carvalho, General Counsel.

Philip Waddington made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 55

Tuesday, November 22, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:14 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Hon. Brenda Chamberlain, Jean Crowder, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, Marcel Gagnon, James Lunney, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Health: Philip Waddington, Director general, Natural Health Products Directorate, Health Products and Food Branch. *Justice Canada:* Simon Carvalho, General Counsel.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on Natural Health Products.

Philip Waddington made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to the consideration of the motion of Robert Thibault previously stood which read as follows:

Whereas:

- Health Canada is taking action to modernize Section 3 and Schedule A of the Food and Drugs Act to reflect scientific and medical advances and to ensure that Canadians have access to reliable product information to make informed decisions about their health. Specifically:
 - Health Canada convened a Scientific Advisory Panel in September 2005 to review and update the diseases and conditions listed on Schedule A in order to reflect current scientific understanding, and to consider options for achieving the objectives of Section 3 and Schedule A in general while keeping pace with evolving scientific knowledge. The Panel is expected to report to Health Canada in October 2005.
 - Health Canada intends to proceed with regulatory amendments in order to modernize how it achieves the objectives of Section 3 and Schedule A of the Food and Drugs Act while supporting Canadians' ability to make healthy choices and informed decisions about their health with trustworthy product information.
- The current regulatory regime for Natural Health Products was created in accordance with the recommendations of the 1998 report, Natural Health Products - A New Vision, of the Standing Committee on Health;
- The Committee heard convincing, science-based testimony from witnesses who have indicated their support for the current Natural Health Product Regulations. It is clear, based on the evidence, that regulating natural health products as foods would have a detrimental impact on consumers because, with very few exceptions, foods are not subject to pre-market review and food labels do not provide treatment, dosage, or warning information;
- The Regulations ensure safety through an appropriate level of oversight, permit a full range of evidence-based health claims, and ensure high quality through outcome-based good manufacturing practices;

- The Regulations were developed following extensive consultations and, thus, reflect the desire of Canadians for a regulatory framework appropriate to the level of risk associated with natural health products.

Therefore, be it resolved that this Committee, pursuant to Standing Order 97.1, recommends that the House of Commons do not proceed further with Bill C-420, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

At 9:47 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/24 1:36 p.m.

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Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 56

Wednesday, November 23, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee resumed its study on tobacco issues related to compliance with the Tobacco Act, cigarette smuggling and combating tobacco use.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Steven John Fletcher,
Marcel Gagnon,
Réal Ménard,
Michael John Savage
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:
David Baar, Tax Policy Officer, Alcohol, tobacco and excise
legislation.

Department of Health:

Denis Choinière, Director, Office of Regulations and Compliance,
Tobacco Control Program, Healthy Environments and Consumer
Safety Branch.

Canada Border Services Agency:

Roger Lavergne, Director, Borders Intelligence Division,
Intelligence Directorate.

Canada Revenue Agency:

Phil McLester, Director, Excise duties and taxes, Excise and
GST/HST Rulings, Policy and Planning Branch.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Superintendent Joe Oliver, Director, Customs and Excise Branch.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 56

Wednesday, November 23, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met at 4:30 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Steven John Fletcher, Marcel Gagnon, Réal Ménard, Michael John Savage and Hon. Robert Thibault.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: David Baar, Tax Policy Officer, Alcohol, tobacco and excise legislation. *Department of Health:* Denis Choinière, Director, Office of Regulations and Compliance, Tobacco Control Program, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch. *Canada Border Services Agency:* Roger Lavergne, Director, Borders Intelligence Division, Intelligence Directorate. *Canada Revenue Agency:* Phil McLester, Director, Excise duties and taxes, Excise and GST/HST Rulings, Policy and Planning Branch. *Royal Canadian Mounted Police:* Joe Oliver, Director, Customs and Excise Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee resumed its study on tobacco issues related to compliance with the Tobacco Act, cigarette smuggling and combating tobacco use.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/24 2:15 p.m.

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Chair: Bonnie Brown, Lib.

Meeting No. 57

Thursday, November 24, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee resumed its study on silicone gel-filled breast implants.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, November 2, 2005, the Committee commenced its study on Prescription Drugs.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bonnie Brown,
Colin Carrie,
Jean Crowder,
Ruby Dhalla,
Steven John Fletcher,
Marcel Gagnon,
Réal Ménard,
Rob Merrifield
and Hon. Robert Thibault.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Odina Desrochers for Marcel Gagnon.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst;
Sonya Norris, Analyst.

WITNESS:

Medical Reform Group:

Joel Lexchin, Associate Professor, York University School of
Health Policy and Management.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 57

Thursday, November 24, 2005

The Standing Committee on Health met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Bonnie Brown, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bonnie Brown, Colin Carrie, Jean Crowder, Ruby Dhalla, Steven John Fletcher, Marcel Gagnon, Réal Ménard, Rob Merrifield and Hon. Robert Thibault.

Acting Members present: Odina Desrochers for Marcel Gagnon.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Nancy Miller Chenier, Analyst; Sonya Norris, Analyst.

Witnesses: Medical Reform Group: Joel Lexchin, Associate Professor, York University School of Health Policy and Management.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Committee resumed its study on silicone gel-filled breast implants.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Health request a copy of the epidemiological study on silicone gel-filled implants, which was begun in 1996 and which is now completed and due to be published in a medical journal in November 2005, according to the testimony of Ms. Vivian Ellis of the Public Health Agency of Canada, in her appearance before the Committee on October 27, 2005.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Health establish a subcommittee tasked with monitoring the development of the Assisted Human Reproduction Regulations.

The subcommittee will consist of one(1) representative of each opposition party, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health, and the Chair of the Standing Committee.

The subcommittee will meet with the officials responsible for developing the Assisted Human Reproduction Regulations every two months until the Regulations are completed.

The subcommittee will be required to report to the Standing Committee every six months until the Regulations are completed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, November 2, 2005, the Committee resumed its study on Prescription Drugs.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:28 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape
Clerk of the Committee

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